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Mr Murdoch has three weeks to seal killed purchase of The Times

The new proprietor of "The Times", its supplements and "The Sunday Times" will be Mr Rupert Murdoch, if he can supplements within three weeks. reach agreement with staff and unions within three weeks. Mr Murdoch, aged 49. owner of "The Sun" and "News of

the World", committed himself last night to maintain the editorial quality and independence of the five Times Newspapers' titles. The initial reaction of print union leaders was optimistic [Report, page 2].

Editorial quality and independence are guaranteed

Mr Rupert Murdoch, owner of The Sun and the News of the World, is to be the new pro-prietor of The Times, its three supplements and The Sunday Times if he can reach agree-ment with the trade unions and the staff within three weeks, it was announced last night,

Mr Murdoch, aged 49, owner of large newspaper, television and other interests in his native Australia and in the United States, committed himself at a press conference to maintaining the editorial quality and inde-pendence of the five titles. packed by an enhanced presence of national directors on the board of Times News-

"I have operated and hunched newspapers all over the world. This new undertaking I regard as the most exciting challenge of my life", Mr Murdoch said.

Mr Gordon Brunton, managing director and chief executive of Thomson British Holdings. said that the conditional bid made by News Group, Mr Murdoch's company, was "not the highest bid in the sense that other bids were compar-

It had come closest to the criteria laid down by Thomson. Associated Newspapers and Lourho are understood to have take over the five papers as a going concern.

Neither Mr Brunton nor Mr Murdoch put a figure on the sale, but Mr Murdoch promised. that if he succeeded in his forthcoming negotiations and the sale was completed, he would name a figure.

Mr Brunton said that Thom-

son had told the Government the articles of association of uf the proposed sale and an application for consent would amended to incorporate Mr. application for consent would he sent to the Secretary of State for Trade under the state for Trade under the rems of the Fair Trading Act,

The secretary of state is required to refer newspaper mergers to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission if their TIME result is that the proprietor. owns newspapers with a comput to him.

referral if the papers concerned are in imminent danger of

Mr Murdoch said that the or Murdoch said that the commission could not possibly be expected to complete an inquiry before the middle of March, by which time Thomson planned to close the five titles if no sale had been completed. "If that happens, all bets are off", he said.

If the papers closed down he would withdraw, as he would if his talks with the seven trade unions concerned and their 54 chapels tollice branches) at Times Newspapers failed. Mr Murdoch told the crowded

press conference in a London notel: " During the negotiations both parties have been particularly mindful of the criteria laid down by the verting committee with its national directors. I have had no hesitation or dif-

have had no hesitation or difficulty about accepting those criteria in full."

The verting committee was made up of Sir Denis Hamilton, Editor-in-Chief of Times Newspapers, Mr William Rees-Mogg, Editor of The Times. Mr Harold Evans, Editor of The Sunday Times, and the four national directors, Lord Dacre of Glanton, Lord Greene, Lord Robens of Woldingham and Lord Roll.

All except Lord Robens, who

All except Lord Robens, who is in America, met Mr Murdoch been the other potential bidders on Wednesday night and unani-prepared, like Mr Murdoch, to mously accepted Mr Murdoch's undertakings about the in-tegrity and independence of the papers. Lord Robens was con-sulted by telephone. The sulted by telephone. The meeting lasted 90 minutes. Yesterday the lawyers of the two sides completed details largely concerned with tax

Sir Denis Hamilton said that' Murdoch's undertakings once the sale became unconditional. Mr Rees-Mogg said that the undertakings went beyond those made in 1966 when Thomson bought The Times and its supplements. Mr Murdoch had voluntarily moved forward to meet the criteria



Mr Murdoch (centre) with Mr Rees-Mogg (right) and Mr Evans yesterday.

increasing the number of national directors from four to six and extending their renewable term on the board from the present one to a future three years, with the right to approve subsequent appointments to their membership.

The board will appoint the editors or dismiss them only if a majority of the national directors consent. A similar majority will be required before any of the five titles can be sold. Mr Murdoch also undertook to preserve the separate identities of the newspapers and the independence and authority of their editors in matters of staff-

ing, political policy and the maintenance of the titles as "editorially independent newspapers of high quality". There would be no interference by the proprietor in the selection and balance of news and opinion.

Mr Murdoch said last night that he had no intention of reselling The Times once he completed the proposed purchase of Times Newspapers. He denied that his interest to the ON PAGE 2

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confined to The Sunday Times. its prime commercial asset. He could not recall ever having referred to The Times as "a

lame duck".

Asked if he thought he could tie up agreements with the unions and all 54 chapels in three weeks after Thomson had failed to do so over several years, Mr Murdoch said: "I am always an optimist." He made it clear that agreement had to be reached with every chapel and every union without excep-

He said he would be asking for agreement me manning cuts, which he believed were absolutely essential though he

gave no details, and on the introduction of new technology, again without saying in what form or on what basis. If he failed to achieve that in the agreed period, "I'll be gone". It was his firm intention, given success with the unions,

to maintain uninterrupted production through March. Staff who were to be retained would be offered their jobs back immediately after the three-week negotiation period, Mr. Murdoch said. (All employees of Times Newspapers are now under porice) under notice.)

He added that he would be responsible for making redun-dancy payments to those members of staff who would not be offered their jobs back as a result of his demanning plan. He recognized that it would be hard work to reach agree-ment with the unions. A fresh approach by a new party at the right time offered a chance for breakthrough. Mr Murdoch said he wanted

to make The Times successful, Continued on page 2, col 6

Strike halts | Life jail sentence on embassy terrorist

Sentencing Fowzi Nejad, aged 23, to life imprisonment on

women whose lives would be used for bargaining."

At the beginning of the trial

consultations, pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of the two

He said the picture that emerged was by no means as clear as it might be. Evidence had come before the court showing dissension among the terrorists and the position of the defendant. He said that different snapshots were being presented by different people of what had happened and of Mr Nejad's involvement.

the men of the Special Air Service Regiment who attacked the embassy killed terrorists after they had thrown away their weapons and surrendered. Mr. Piebons and surrendered. Mr. weapons and surrendered Air Richardson-said it was clear to anyone who heard the evidence that the SAS attack was planned carefully but they could not at any stage have known of the disposal of weapons.

There was a picture, he added, of "the SAS deliberately supplies down marmed."

The soldiers went into the huilding against ruthless, fanatical and heavily armed terrorists. They knew a hostage had been killed and threats had been made to kill one every two minutes. There did not seem to be much doubt that "soldiers

That was the picture facing the SAS men. They could not be expected to know weapons had been thrown out of the window or where grenades were or how much attention they could afford to pay to cries that the terrorists had given in-Mr Justice Park said that, throughout, evidence had been riven showing the heroism of Police Constable Lock. He added: "He exhibited complete physical courage in tackling a

who was in court, should ask Sir David McNee, the Commis-sioner of the Metropolitan Police, to consider some way of recognizing Police Constable Lock's conduct. Factors beyond police, page 4

by IRA as reprisal From Christopher Thomas Belfast

The Provisional IRA announ rhe Provisional IRA amounced yesterday that it killed Sir Norman Stronge, former Speaker of the Northern Ireland Parliament, and his son James on Wednesday night in reprisal for killings by "loyalist" gangs.

Sir Norman ared 86 and his

Sir Norman, aged 86, and his son, a bachelor aged 48, were shot at point-blank range in the library of the family home, Tynan Abbey, a mile from the

border in South Armagh, Most of the home was left in ruins after the killers set off at least two incendiary bombs,

An intensive search on both sides of the border continued sides of the border continued throughout yesterday without

The IRA said in a statement in Belfast: "This deliberate attack on the symbols of hated Unionism was a direct reprisal for a whole series of loyalist assassinations and murder anacks on nationalist people and nationalist activities?

That was a reference to the attempt to murder Mrs Bernadette McAliskey, the former MP, and her husband Michael Mr, and her nusuand michael at their remote home in co Tyrone on Friday, as well as the murder of four leading republican activists since last May: Mrs Miriam Daly, Mr John Turnly, Mr Noel Lyttle and Mr Ronald Bunting.

Sir Norman and his son ser off flares from the house after the killers had burst open the door with an explosive device, and the bright light alerted the police. Ar least ten terrorists were

involved in the operation, which began when two families were held captive in the village of Tynan. Other terrorists used their cars to drive to the abbey, built in 1790 and set in 900 acres of farm and woodland. acres of farm and woodland.

The police arrived as the killers were escaping in the stolen cars. One vehicle was remmed by a police car and a 10-minute gun battle followed. There would have been police casualties but for the armour plate and bullet-resistant glass in their vehicles.

in their vehicles.

Some of the police returned fire, using high-powered Armalite rifles and hand guns. The killers ran across the fields in

the pitch darkness towards the The terrorists were wearing black berets and combat gear, typical of the IRA. They did not wear masks and their age was, estimated at around 23.

Helicopters with searchlights were brought in by the Army when reports of the attack came through. Police in the Irish Republic set up road-blocks and within a short time in the search.

Almost every section of opinion in Ireland yesterday condemned the murders, but the IRA said: "For us, the decision to take such reprisals represents a real departure, no matter how sections of the media and the politicians have attempted to misconstrue, with a sectarian label, IRA attacks on the Royal Ulster Constabu-lary and Ulster Defence Regiment.

Our operations against these targets have been based on their involvement in the Crown forces. But our decision to take reprisals for the activities of loyalist paramilitaries is being taken on a political basis. The responsibility for reprisals rests four square on their shoulders."

the Northern Ireland Parliament for 24 years and was one of Unionism's most figures.

Neave fund gift: Weeks before Sir Norman and his son were murdered they sent a big dona-tion to a "freedom from tyranny" fund to commemorate Mr Airey Neave, the Tory MP, who was also murdered by Irish Republican terrorists, Lady Airey of Abingdon, his widow, said yesterday when she pre-sented the first Airey Neave Memorial Trust scholarship (the Press Association reports). Kidnap foiled: Police in the Republic of Treland yesterday foiled a £100,000 ransom plan

when they discovered and re leased Miss Ann Hudson, who was kidnapped on Monday, in a flat near Dublin (Our Dublin Correspondent writes). Two men from Northern Ire land were helping police with their inquiries last night. Four

men had burst into a house it Courtown, co Wexford, kidnapped Miss Hudson. Wexford, and Photographs, pages 5, 14

on the Scottish National Orthes

Obituary, page 14 Dr Conmar Robinson, Dr Lee Lan-

der, Captain Sir Norman Stronge, Mr James Stronge

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mostly easier, though some second line stocks attracted interest. The

FT Index fell 4.6 points to 457.1.

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Torturing of hostages ends hope of better US-Iran relationship

From David Cross Washington, Jan 22

President Reagan voiced the anger being felt by all Americans when he received a detailed report from Mr
Carter about the maltreatment
of many of the 52 former host
ages by their Iranian captors.
Mr Walter Mondale, the
former Vice-President, who took
the handwritten report to the

White House today, said that Mr Reagan was "outraged" when he read it. "The Ameri-can people will be outraged and appalled by the barbaric treat-ment", he added. The disclosure of acts, which a some cases amounted to

physical and mental torture, is putting pressure on the new Administration to renounce the agreements concluded by Mr Carter with Tehran, Mr George Bush, the Vice-President, said today that Mr Reagan and his advisers would "review every page of the documents" before deciding whether to honour the

If Mr Reagan does decide in due course to honour and to carry out the agreements in full, the mistreatment of the hostages will almost certainly torpedo any efforts there might have been to try to repair American Iranian relations in the foreseeable future:

the foreseeable future:

The process of examining all the many thousands of words of complex legal and financial arrangements is expected to take several days. But so far members of the new Administration have indicated that they will probably stick by the terms of the agreement unless some- perf thing totally unexpected turns sary

A spokesman for Mr Alexander Haig, the new Secretary of State, said today that the new Administration fully intends to carry out the obligations of the United States" under the terms of the agreement it had signed Nevertheless, it was studying the extent of those obligations. The basic agreement is conrained in what is entitled a "declaration by the Government of Algeria", which acted as an intermediary in the negotiations, and it is not entirely clear how legally binding this is on the United States. The spokesman explained that this was one of the many points the new Administration was

Administration examining. Mr Carter, who returned to his home town of Plains, Georgia, early today after his mission to Europe to welcome the hostages on behalf of Mr Reagan, said that the Iranians had reacted with "unbelievable savagery" towards "absolutely innocent American hostages".

"Month after month after

"Month after month "Month after month after month after month after month, when there was no evidence the host-zes had done any illegal act, they still took pleasure in abusing them—psychologically," he said. "They acted like animals aimost."

Neverthelass he wood the

Nevertheless, he urged the new Administration to honour the terms of the agreements. "Our nation's word of herour is at stake" be said. "I signed on behalf of our country those agreements and it would be a serious thing for us to violate them." He added that it was perfectly legitimate and necesfor Mr Reagan to Centinued on page 6, col

Tehran critics jeer at claims of victory

From Tony Allaway Tehran, Jan 22

Iran's opposing political factions exchanged verbal blows today in the opening round of a predicted feud over the release of the hostages.

The moderates, fiercely assailed by the ruling diebards yesterday, emerged fighting from their corner with an editorial in the newspaper Mizan. which attacked the " opportunism, mopopolism and unclaimed, resulted from the hostage-taking.

In a separate column the newspaper saccastically sugges. which stimulated anti-Islamic ted that the Americans student and anti-Iranian feelings on a captors were happy about the world-wide scale; the proparelease because they could now Sation of a culture of lies and devote all their attention to terror in internal disputes; an running the Government.

Equally sarcastic, but far more specific, was the newspaper Islamic Revolution, which supports President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr. In an editorial entitled "Which victory?" it noted that so far only \$2,700m (£1,100m) of Iran's frozen assets had been transferred to the Algerian account in the Bank of England instead of Iran's total estimated 513,900m assets. Congratulations 1" said the editorial.

It also noted that not one penny had been seen of the Shah's assets, the return of which was once a central demand of Iran.

It went on to accuse Iran's negotiators of failing to tie the United States to a specific commitment not to interfere in Iran's internal affairs as the Majlis (Parliament) had insisted. Even the commitment given "lacked the least sign of validity and executive guar-antee. How simple can a mind be to believe that imperialism would abide by such commitments?

The editorial added : " Among the results of the crisis censorship imposed by censorship imposed by those who have freed the hostages; political, social and economic collisions with our revolution economic hoycott; the loss of what remained of our foreign exchange reserves and ulti-mately, the stognation and decay of the national economy and, as a result, laying the grounds for the war with Iraq in equal economic conditions." Brutality denied: Mr Behzad Nabavi, the chief Iranian nezotiator, has indignantly denied that the captives were tortured, the official Pars news agency reported. Mr Nabavi said Iran had videotaged interviews with had videotaped interviews with the bostages in which they said they were well treated and had no complaints.—Reuter.

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next few months By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

Nearly 10,000 workers in the shipbuilding, engineering, motor and plastics industries, including a company for which the Prime Minister once worked. face redundancy over the next few months.

Talks between British Shiphuilders and leaders of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions over the corporation's plans to make 3,200 workers redundant by the end of March ended after six hours last night. A joint state-ment will be made later today when the plan to shed jobs has en put to a delegate meeting of the confederation.

In the Midlands, motor that Lucas Industries, a leading supplier. component planning to make another 3.000 redundanı. workers expect most of the cutbacks to take place in the Birmingham area although other plants in Lancashire, Staffordshire and north London could also be

Since last June, as the motor industry has slumped. Lucas has shed about 8,000 johs through redundancy and natural wastage. All 17,000 employees of Lucas Electrical will today receive letters from the company explaining the fall in sales and increasing competition in overseas markets.

Lucas would not comment

on the expected cuts and said On Merseyside, one of the areas worst affected by the re-cession, Tate & Lyle announced that it is to close its sugar re-

finery at Liverpool with the

loss of 1,600 jobs. It will drive up the unemployment rate of 15 per cent still further. The refinery and related distribu-tion facilities will be closed as soon as possible and the company will face a redundancy bill of nearly \$30m.

In East Anglia, Storey Brothers, Britain's leading pro-ducer of polyvinyl chloride (PVC) sheeting and film, is closing its factory at Brantham, near loswich, in 15 months with the loss of 1,000 jobs. The company is the only European pro-ducer of Xylonite, a cotton-based plastic, and campbor, which is used in mothballs and medicine.

As Miss Margaret Roberts, the Prime Minister worked as a research chemist at the company's former research centre in the neighbouring village of Manningtree. She spent two years with the company after leaving university before starting her political career in 1949.

Manniacturing at the plant Manufacturing at the plant will be run down gradually and will close in April next year. Production will be moved to a sister factory at Lancaster,

creating 200 new jobs. Company officials blamed the closure on "poor performance" ar the factory. Mr Robin Swail, the managing director, said: Profit in the good years has been insufficient to cover major losses over the bad years". Midland Electric Manufacturing, a Birmingham company within the Delta Metal Group's

electrical division, said that 550 of its employees were to become months as part of a restructuring of operations.

Tate & Lyle closures, page 15 | airports it operates.

BA flights at Heathrow

By David Felton Labour Reporter

There will be almost no British Airways flights out of Heathrow airport, London, to-day because of a 24-hour strike by 20,000 engineering maintenance and ground staff over a pay dispute.

The airline yesterday honed that it would not have to cancel all its flights but later had to draw up new plans after the announcement that the strike had been made official by the Transport and General Work-ers Union.

ers' Union.
Cancellations of flights start.
from 6.30 am although the airline was expecting operations
to be back to normal romorrow.
All intercontinental flights
scheduled to arrive, at Heathrow today will still land but
will not fly out again. Intercontinental and domestic services from Manchester will not
be affected, but the Heathrowbe affected, but the Heathrow-Manchester shuttle, and the shuttles to Glasgow and Edin-

burgh, have been cancelled. The engineering staff decided on the strike after rejecting an 8 per cent pay offer. Shop stewards also claim that the airline is in breach of a wages arrine is in ordact of a wages and conditions agreement.

Mr Larry Smith, executive officer of the TGWU, said last night that the union had made the strike official after requests from the Heathrow workers and to "demonstrate to British Airways that we are in the

business of seeking the best rates of pay for our members". Meanwhile the British Air-

ports Authority announced that it had agreed a 9 per cent pay

deal with its staff at the seven

By Stewart Tendler :

Crime Reporter

The terrorist who took part in the Iranian Embassy siege last year and survived was sen-tenced at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to life im-prisonment for his part in imposing "unspeakable terror" on the hostages.

each of five counts connected with the siege, Mr Justice Park told the former Iranian dock worker that he and five others attacked the embassy at a time when they knew "there were on the premises a large numher of unsuspecting men and

Mr Nejad pleaded guilty to con-spiracy to murder, firearms offences and unlawfully imprisoning Police Constable Trevor Lock. But he pleaded not guilty to the murder of Mr Abbas Labasani, the embassy press attaché, and Mr Ali Samadzedah, a student.

Yesterday, on the sixth day of the trial, Mr Nejad, after hostages. Mr Kenneth Richard-son, QC, for the Crown, told the court the pleas were

acceptable. Hostages gave evidence that tely gunning down unarmed men who had to their know-ledge surrendered. On the evidence that was "wholly mis-

as soldiers were shooting to kill, which is what soldiers are trained to do."

younger, armed terrorist."

The judge said that the Director of Public Prosecutions,

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Israeli storm over West Bank housing report

Three Israeli firms have been given state land in the centre of Jerusalem in exchange for agreeing to build houses on Jewish settlements in the occupied ferritories, according to a radio report. The report has caused a furore, but the Housing Minister Jenied Language of Housing Ministry denied knowledge of the scheme: About 18,000 Jews live in the West Bank Page 5

EEC pay dispute

EEC member governments are to be taken to the European Court of Instice for reneging on a pay agreement. That action was decided on as the Commission's 8,500 employees staged a one-day strike in pro-test at the foreign ministers scrapping an acreed procedure for calculating annual pay rises

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£271,400 record salary

A United Kingdom salary record has been set by the gases group BOC International. Its chief executive, Mr Richard Giordano, an American, was paid £271,400, higher than any other executive in the country. A BOC spokesman said it was similar to Mr Giordano's previous earnings in the United States

Seamen press on

The National Union of Seamen, which has rejected a 12 per cent pay offer, stepped up its action against ferry companies, but the General and Municipal Workers' Union announced that its local authority manual workers had accepted 7.5 per cent, and Ford workers have accepted 9.5 per cent Page 5

Commons jobless clash

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Michael Foot clashed in the Commons over fears that the unemployment figures next Tuesday will show a rise to more than 2,500,000. The Prime Minister refused a request for

Strikes in Polish cities

Polish workers, bus drivers and office employees have staged strikes of between one and four hours in about 10 cities in protest against the Government's refusal to compromise on work-free Saturdays. Solidarity union leaders want to restrict work to one Saturday a month; the Government has ordered work on two

Schools Council study The Schools Council is to undergo a fundamental review of its constitution and functions. The Government is expected to

ment of Education and Science and local authority associations South Africa: There is speculation that Mr Picter Botha, Prime Minister, may call an early election when Parliament assembles

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Optimism by unions. over offer after preliminary meeting

Labour Reporter
Printing union leaders reacted with optimism last night to the conditional agreement with Mr Rupert Murdoch for the purchase of The Times, The Sunday Times and the three

supplements.
While foreseeing that detailed while foreseeing that deraneu negoriations, which will begin on Monday, will be tough, union general secretaries last night left two hours of preliminary talks with Mr Murdoch hopeful that agreements can be reached in the three values allerted for their comweeks allotted for their com-

Mr Joe Wade, general secretary of the National Graphical Association, said he was "delighted" that Mr Murdoch had come forward as the pur-chaser. Mr Wade, Mr Owen O'Brien, general secretary of the National Society of Operative said the unions were not sur-Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel (Natsopa), and Mr William Keys, general secretary weeks and added: "Three weeks will concentrate our of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, did not appear to see Mr Murdoch's statement that "considerable redundancies will be necessary" as an insuperable obstacle.

Mr Wade said his union accepted that there may have to be some redundancies among members. He believed that the agreement already reached with Times management in principle on the introduction of some new technology would form the basis of discussions on that topic with News International, Mr Murdoch's group.

Mr O'Brien, whose union has an estimated 2,000 members at Times Newspapers Ltd, said last night: "We may have to fight him on this as we did at The Sun. It depends what he means by 'considerable'." He added: "Mr Murdoch is rough but he sticks to his word. My initial reaction is that we are pleased that there is a single buyer for the whole of the

Mr Keys said that after a meeting of his 1,000 members at TNL on Wednesday he believed they would be prepared to accept "limited edundancies provided the need-

for these can be proven".

Mr Keys said he does not believe that Mr Murdoch would be able to assess the scope of possible redundancies until his executives have had a chance to study production methods and which will be entered into the mr Kenneth Ashton, general secretary of the National Union of Journalists, said: "From what we understand of the said articles of an agreement."

Of the conditional agreement itself, he added: "One does not get many chances for securing what we understand of the an operation like this. It is one prospectus put before prospec-tive buyers, I am fairly confident that we shall be able to secure the majority of our members' jobs on these titles".

Mr O'Brien said: "Our union
would definitely oppose a reference to the monopolies commission. This would be no

by any reference to the com-mission because, he felt it

would take longer than the

Such sentiments seem certain to spur the Opposition's demands for an emergency de-bate next week, which they will seek in the Commons on Mon-day. Mr Michael Foot, Leader

of the Opposition, in particular, is known to harbour strong

feelings against Mr Murdoch's

acquisition. Labour leaders do not con-

ceal their hostility towards Mr Murdoch and their belief that he has damaged newspapers wherever he has taken them over. The Opposition also intend to keep up pressing for a reference to the Monopolies

Publicly Mrs Margaret Thatcher told Mr Foot that she would not be driven into

a premature reply. But some Cabinet members favour referring the matter to the commission so that the full

undertakings on editorial inde-

pendence given by Mr Murdoch-can be entrenched in an official record that has parliamentary

reference would be no more nor

less appropriate than was the reference to the commission of Lord Thomson's bid 14 years

Ministers believe that such a

three weeks for completion.

Pressure to

Move for monopoly

inquiry strengthens

of Times Newspapers to the Monopolies and Mergers Com-

more a monopoly than Lord Kemsley had when he was

pledges of maintaining the newspapers' editorial independence: "If he has given a guarantee, he is a man of his word until he is proven otherwise. I do not heliane that word until he is proven other-wise. I do not believe that journalists of the calibre of Harold Evans (editor of The Sunday Times) would have accepted other than copper betomed marantees." bottomed guarantees."

Mr Keys, who acknowledged that he had had informal contacts with Mr Murdock in advance of the completion of negotiations with Thomson British Holdings, said: "Al-though I would like to study it more carefully, from what has been read out to us on editorial integrity and editorial independence, I believe that the guarantees that we would have sought from Mr Murdoch have been given."

industrial relations, he weeks will concentrate our attention to the job at hand."

Mr Keys said that at their meeting "my members made it perfectly clear that they want to see a continuity of production. They thought it possible to achieve an under-standing, given reasonableness on both sides."

He added: "My members at

TNL made it clear that they are sick and tired of unofficial stoppages in the national newspaper industry. This is a new phenomenon of the last 10 years or so."

For that reason he would be seeking a "continuity of production" agreement between the unions at TNL and Mr Murdoch.

Mr Ashton said he needed more time to think about whether a reference to the monopolies commission should he pursued, but added: think it is essential that it is seen in the public eye that editorial independence will be maintained."

"I am prepared to consider whether that can be better achieved by an agreement with the proprietor than with refer-ence to the monopolies com-Mr Ashton said he believed

it would be useful to have a meeting between News Inter-national management and NUJ members at TNL to "go into details on these safeguards

an operation like this. It is one of the last chances." The Times chapel (office branch) of the National Union

of Journalists last night wrote to all MPs urging support for the Commons early day motion which calls for any sale of Times Newspapers to be referred to the monopolies commission.

The chapel will also seek to printing at Withy Grove (Man-chester) and owned a large committee to ensure that the number of titles."

Mr Francis Pym, Leader of

whether to make an exception to the normal practice of refer-ring such bids to the Monopo-

lies and Mergers Commission.

Yesterday Mrs Thatcher gave an undertaking that she and Mr Biffen would consider the application "in accordance with the law" when it was received. In fact, a Cabinet committee of ministers will consider the matter, probably

consider the matter, probably

The issue was raised at the

second successive Prime Mini-ster's question time by Mr Foot.

Intervening some two hours be-fore the formal Thomson British Holdings announcement, the Leader of the Opposition called on Mrs Thatcher "im-mediately and properly" to re-fer the matter to the commis-

When Mrs Thatcher declined,

Mrs Thatcher and Mr Pym

Mr Foot rose to seek an under-taking for a Commons debate

before a final decision.

early next week.



Mr Gordon Brunton and Sir Denis Hamilton in London yesterday.

Newspaper executives' statements at conference

Undertakings aimed at protecting editorial quality and integrity

man and editor-in-chief of Times Newspapers Holdings Ltd. read the following statement to a press conference in London yesterday:

4 Maintenance of editorial independence: Irrespective of these rights of the independent national directors, Mr Murdoch undertook A series of specific formal under-

takings were given last night by Mr Rupert Murdoch to, and were approved by, the editorial verting committee of Times Newspapers, chaired by Sir Denis Hamilton and comprising the independent materials. Hamilton and comprising the in-dependent - national directors (Lords Roll, Dacre and Greene) -and the editor of The Times, Mr William Rees-Mogg, and the editor of The Sunday Times, Mr Harold Evans. Lord Robens was abroad but has been fully informed, and has agreed.

These undertakings, concerned with protecting the editorial quality and integrity of The Times, The Sunday Times and The Times supplements and their future ownership, will be incorporated in articles of association and, additionally denosted with porated in articles of association and, additionally, deposited with the Secretary of State for Trade. The principal undertakings are: 1 Independent national directors: The system of independent national directors serving on the board of Times Newspapers Holdings Ltd will be preserved and enhanced. There will be an increase in the number of independent national directors. They will be required to approve subsequent appointments to their membership.

2 Appointment and dismissal of Appointment and dismissal of editors: The editors, to be appointed by the board, may be appointed or removed only by the agreement of a majority of the independent national directors will be available for arbitration on unresolved issues.

3 Disposition of titles: Any future sale of any of the titles

will require the agreement of a majority of the independent national directors.

to bind himself to preserve the separate identities of The Times and The Sunday Times, and to maintain the independence and authority of their editors in the maintain the independence and authority of their editors in the appointment and control of their staff; 'over; the political policy' of the separate newspapers; and in all respects to maintain the titles as editorially independent newspapers of high quality. Each of the two editors would be free to make his own decision on matters of opinion and news and each would be free to disagree each would be free to disagree with the other and with any other newspaper in which Mr Murdoch may have an interest.

In particular Mr Murdoch sub-scribes to and undertakes to observe the following principles relating to editorial integrity. (a) The Times and The Sunday Times are free from party political bias and from attachment to any sectional interest. They will be subsectional interest. Iney will be sub-ject to no restraint or inhibition either in expressing opinion or in-reporting news that might directly or indirectly conflict with the commercial interests or political con-cerns of the proprietor. The Times is recognized to be a paper.

(b) In accordance with the traditions of the papers; their editors will not be subject to instruction from either the proprietor or the management on the selection and balance of news and opinion. They have the right to refuse to publish any advertisement. (c) Instructions are to be given to journalists only by their editor and by those to whom he has dele-

supplements should have the same responsibilities and prerogatives in relation to their paper as the editors of The Times and The Sunday Times.

I am keen that those who work for the supplements, which have enormous prestige around the world in the cultural, educational and academic world, will realize the significance of what I have just said about the supplements.

(e) The board of Times Newspapers Ltd Is to be responsible, after consultation with the editors, for fixing an annual budget for editorial ing an annual budget for editorial space and expenditure. The editors are to be responsible for the allo-cation of space between editorial and advertising day by day, within the strategic framework set by the

board.
The editors will continue to make all appointments to the journalistic staff, subject to the constraints of stair, subject to the constraints of the editorial budget. The articles of association of Times Newspapers Holdings Ltd and Times Newspapers Ltd will be altered as appropriate to reflect the above undertakings in the event that the sale to Mr Murdoch be-

comes unconditional. These undertakings by Mr Murdoth are a very fine development of the historic traditions of the independence of The Times and the newer independence of The Sunday Times. They build on, clarify and codify valuable rights for the freedom of individual editors and their journalists.

editors and their journalists.

The last 35 years of my life have been devoted to the development of these papers. Despite manifest problems there are immense opportunities for expansion: I, believe, that Repert Murdoch is one of the greatest newspaper executives in the world today: It is said that redundanties would be likely to cost £50m?

papers in the tough situation they are in are best in the hands of a

Early start to-negotiations with priority for continuous output

Mr Rupert Murdoch, quesrioned at a press conference yesterday, said he was opti-mistic of getting the coopera-tion of the trade unions. Asked what would happen if agreement was not reached in three weeks, he declared: "I will be

Among the questions and replies were the following: You have been quoted as calling The Times a lame duck.
Do you intend to sell it?
Mr Murdoch: I do not intend
to sell it. I do not know when I

You have made it clear that your interest is in buying a profitable Sunday Times. Do you want The Times as well? I never said that, nor was I on record as saying that. The newspaper accounts which said I originally approached Lord Thomson for The Sunday Times are totally inaccurate.

How much did you pay for the titles? the tirles?

I cannot tell you; too much, of course, but we are not paying anything until these conditions are approved and until such times as the offer and the deal become unconditional.

Has a preliminary figure been agreed?—Everything has been agreed.

How confident are you in getting the cooperation of the unions?—I am always an

How long is this conditional situation to last?—For three weeks. We have to have agreement with all the chapels in three weeks. . Do you aim for continuous,

production?—Absolutely.

Do you have agreement with any unions at the moment or are they all yet to come?-There are no agreements with the unions or the chapels. We hope to be starting negotiations as early as Monday.

Do you perceive redundancies among members of staff?

There will be redundancies. Large scale?—That is a matter of definition but considerable redundancies are necessary.

How will you make news-

papers running at a loss into newpapers running at a profit?—It will mean much hard work. What will you do?-Work hard. Who pays for the redundan-

cies, you or Lord Thomson?—
I will be paying for the redundancies that we negotiate with the chapels.

Will there be negotiations on

new technology as well?—We will be talking about new tech-Direct input ?- That will be matter for negotiation.

How much?—That will depead on the extent to which we achieve agreement with the unions. I would assume con-siderably less than that.

which would be good for Britain He set no time limit on his determination to do that,

but recognized that it would take some years. He also said he had no plans to change the

present printing arrangements whereby all five titles are pro-duced from the existing premi-

He hoped to increase the

ses in Gray's Inn Road.

Why do you think you will Mr Br be able to succeed where Times will not. Newspapers' management has failed in negotiations with the price? often in these circumstances that drag on for a long time a fresh approach at the right time has a chance of breaking

through.
Lord Thomson wanted The Times as a monument. Why do you want it?—I want to make it successful. I think that nothing would be better for The Times are for the press of The Times or for the press of Great Britain than for The Times to become viable.

Do you intend to edit, print and publish in London?—Yes. If it cannot be made into a profit-making venture will you subsidize it?—That will depend on the attitude of the staff and whether we make

progress.

How will you make it profitable?—By putting a lot of hard work into it as well as getting more advertising, selling more copies and doing all we can to get it right. Do you intend to take printing away from Gray's Inn Road?—No, I do not.

How closely have the Government been kept informed of all the procedures that have been going on in view of the possi-bility of a reference to the Monopolies Commission?—I cannot answer that question. They have received no information from me.

Do you have any idea as to who the new editor of The Times will be?—Honestly, no. Mr Gordon Brunton was asked: "If, as Mr Murdoch says, he will be off the scene three weeks if agreement fails, what does Times manage-ment intend to do? Mr Brunton : In that event

we will have failed to achieve one single bidder for the newspapers and we will move to-wards the second objective. They will be sold separately. If we fail on that one by the we fail on that one by the dates set I am afraid there will

be closure.

Do you intend to go back to other bidders for all five titles if Mr Murdoch does not get Mr Brunton: No, having decided on the chosen instru-ment it is fully understood by Mr Murdoch and by them that

in the event of agreement not being reached by Mr Murdoch we go the other route to sell e titles separately. Was the vetting committee unanimous in approval of Mr Murdoch's bid?

Mr Brunton : Absolutely. Mr Murdoch was asked: When will notices of dismissal

Mr Murdoch: That will will be an element of demanning. Will Mr Murdoch get first re-

Future 'can be made viable by hard work'

Mogg announced his withdrawal last year. Mr Murdoch hoped that Mr Harold Evans would

stay on at The Sunday Times, but Mr Evans refused to say

whether he would do so at the

press conference and reserved his position. On Mr Murdoch's

editorial guarantees, Mr Evans said: Other proprietors, please

copy."
Mr Brunton said that if Mr

that date. If the papers are closed all bets are off.

If they are closed you are saying you will not contemplate buying them?—That is correct. Is there anything to stop Mr Murdoch selling off The Times at a later stage?

There are safeguards in the contract. Any sale must be approved by a majority of the pational directors. There are

national directors. There are safeguards and assurances by Mr Murdoch of his intentions in the contract.

Why cannot you tell us the

Mr Erunton: I cannot tell

you for several reasons. First the deal is conditional. It

would put both parties in

difficult situation and mis'esd

shareholders if you so a figure

on a conditional deal. Com-

not in the interest of our shere-holders to do so. As soon as

the deal becomes unconditional

we will tell you and the share-holders the price. Who will run Times News-

Mr Murdoch : I will be chair-

man of the operating company.
Will you have a chief execu-

this country, from Australia or from America?—From some-

-I am not aware of any opposi-

If the Secretary of State for

tion except in other newspapers.

Trade refers your application to the Monopolies Commission, what effect will that have on

the continuing negotiations?

There will not be any. If he does that that will take us beyond the three weeks. It will be

It would fall only by time

running out?

The deal would be taken out.
Thomson's are going to shut the papers on March 8 (sic). Any reference will take us beyond

that date. If the papers are

up to Thomson's then,

tive from somewhere else

where else in this country. How do you view the opposi-tion of journalists to your bid

Does this three-week deadline mean that in three weeks if all goes well there will be a new Times launched as the Murdoch Mr Murdoch: No, ir means

The Times will continue with a different owner.
You will take over in three weeks if all goes well?-That is correct.

Mr William Rees-Mogg, editor of The Times, said at the press conference that he was extreon editorial independence. They were very important and went beyond the agreements reached in 1922 (the Astor agreement) and in 1966 (the Thomson agree

"What also impresses me was happen if we are successful at that we did not on the verting the end of three weeks. People committee have to draw them who will be staying will have out of Mr Murdoch. He was their notices withdrawn. There moving forward completely voluntarily in that direction They are a big advance and guarantee the future indepenfusal if you go the separate dence of the editorial operation

indicated on October 22 when

be announced Thomson's with-

Mr Murdoch said that he

would become chairman of the

operating company, Times Newspapers Ltd, and he expec-ted to appoint a chief executive from within Britain and not

Rival bid: Mr John Leese, edi-

torial director of Associated Newspapers, last night issued a

statement confirming that his company had made an offer for

Times Newspapers and had given the necessary assurances of editorial independence. It had also made a "substantial"

offer for The Sunday Times

from abroad.

drawal of support by March.

Government told of proposals

Mr. Gordon Brunton, managing director and chief executive of Thomson British Holdings Ltd, made the following statement yesterday: On October 22 last year I

announced that Thomson British Holdings Ltd had decided to withdraw from publishing The Times, The Sunday Times and the associated publications. I stated that we would seek to sell the papers but that if we failed to do so they would close in March, 1981. the commission could be refer Mr ordered by the Government to would close in March, 1981.

Today I have to tell you that Thomson British Holdings Ltd has reached a conditional agreement with News International Ltd for the transfer of ownership of all the titles to Mr. Rupert Murdoch's organization, subject to the satisfactory outcome of negotiations between him and the trade unious representing the staff and the Murdoch's proposed acquisition report rapidly before the Thomson closure deadline of mission was last night being Mr Francis Pym, Leader of felt among Cabinet ministers as the House, came closest, pubwell as being generated by the licly, to an appreciation of the Labour opposition.

That was before ministers declining Mr Foots request for delayed and the serious designing metals were aware of Mr Murdoch's a debate next Monday on the representing the staff and the workforce. We believe that if workforce. We believe that if there is a satisfactory conclusion press conference reply that proposed acquisition by Mr
"the deal would be taken out" Murdoch, Mr Pym remarked
by any reference to the com"Do not let us be under any to those discussions these great newspapers will not only remain in existence but can also look misunderstanding about the importance of it". forward to a secure future. We have informed HM Government of these proposals and an application to the Secretary of State for Trade for consent under the provisions of the Fair Trading The transfer of Times Newspapers requires the consent of the Secretary of State for Trade. Mr John Biffen, appointed to the ministery in Mrs Thatcher's reshuffle earlier this month, has to consider the transfer to make an exception.

In October I indicated that Thom-son British Holdings Ltd would invite the editor-in-chief of Times Newspapers, the editors of The Times and The Sunday Times, together with the national directogether with the nazional direc-tors of Times Newspapers Hold-ings Ltd., to advise on a set of criteria against which any pro-posed change of ownership should be measured. These were to linclude the interests of employees, readers, advertisers and the readers, advertisers and the national interest, as well as commercial and financial considerations. Of special significance was the future editorial independence and quality of the newspapers. This procedure has been scrup-ilously observed. Sir Denis Hamiton, Mr William Rees-Mogg and Mr Harold Evens, the national directors, Lord Roll, Lord Robens, Lord Dacre and Lord Greene, to-gether with Lord Astor, were given the opportunity of measur-ing the proposed transaction against the criteria which they had set, and it should be clearly

companies and some individuals interested in acquiring one or more of the titles, or parts of the company. I have said all along—and I believe the unions were of the same mind—that our main objective was to sell Times Newspapers Holdings Ltd as a whole and as a going concern to some one who would satisfy the criteria established by what has come to be known as "the verting committee.". The situation today is that we have identified the single buyer acceptable to Sir Denis and his colleagues and to the board of Thomson British Holdings Ltd. Finally, I would like to read the message I have received from Finally, I would like to read the message I have received from Lord Thomson:
The October decision was extremely painful for me and my family, as it was to my colleagues at Thomson British Holdings and Times Newspapers. That it was sadly inevitable in the circum-

gether with Lord Astor, were sadly inevitable in the circumgiven the opportunity of measuring the proposed transaction against the criteria which they
had set, and it should be clearly
understood that Thomson British
Holdings Ltd's decision to sell to
Mr Murdoch was conditional upon
their agreement.

Since the announcement in
October there have been many
sadly inevitable in the circumstances in no way mitigated our
that there could be a fine new
era for these great newspapers
or these great newspapers
summated I wish Mr Murdoch and
his organization the greatest success in carrying through the development of which I am sure they
are capable.

Mr Murdoch accepts the criteria

statement:
I am delighted that a conditional agreement has been reached with Thomson British Boldings for the News Group to take over these two great papers, The Times and The Sunday Times, together with the Times supplements. The agreement is conditional and I shall say something more about that in a something more about that in a moment; but at the outset I want

clear.

During the negotiations both parties have been particularly mindful of the criteria laid down by the verting committee with its national directors: I have had no hesitation or difficulty about accepting those criteria in full.

In particular I am willing to commit myself and my organization to editorial quality and independence and to have gational directors to continue their special independence and to have gational directors to continue their special role on The Times. Mr William Rees-Mogg indicated long before I came on the scene that he wished to leave the chair of The Times after a handing-over period but I hope that Harold Evans, whom I regard as one of the

world's great editors, will continue to serve for a long time. I hope, too, that the executive team of TNL and the editors of the supplements will consent to carry on. The status of Times Newspapers Ltd within my organization will retain the unique characteristics which it enjoyed under Thomsons. I have a practical knowledge of, and a good working relationship with, the unions in Fleet Street. I believe that together we can arrive at arrangements that will secure a bright future for these papers. However, I must stress that we will not go forward without full and binding agreements with all chapels at Times Newspapers Ltd. papers Ltd.

I have referred to the undertakings that I have willingly given.

These are incorporated in the agreement. Let me quote two of the clauses:

The purchaser will endeavour with

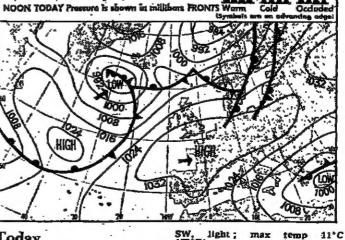
and the purchaser will not seek to remove the present independ-ent directors of the company from the board of the company. The purchaser hereby agrees that on a vacancy arising at any time amongst the independent directors, whether as a result of death or resignation, the purchaser will appoint to fill such vacancy such person as with the approval of the purchaser the remaining inde-pendent directors shall have prothink that tells the story.

I think that tells the story. Obviously you will wonder what my plans are for the papers. It is too early to say until I have had an opportunity for ample discussion with the directors, editorial executives and managers. Whatever proposals for progress may be developed, there will be no fundamental change in the characteristics. I am not seeking to acquire these papers in order to change them into something entirely different.

I have operated and launched newspapers all over the world. all its resources to maintain and continue to develop the titles as editorially independent newspapers of high quality.

The purchaser further intends to retain the present board structure of both the company and TNL

Weather forecast and recordings



He hoped to increase the circulation and the advertising revenue of The Times and to make it visible by hard work. His first move last night after the press conference was to meet printing union general secretaries for a first formal session of talks.

Mr Brunton said that if Mr Murdech failed to reach agreement with the unions within the stipulated time, Thomson would immediately seek to sell the five title separately. Mr Murdech said he would not in such an event return with a bid for The Sunday Times alone.

session of talks.

The Sunday Times alone.

Mr Murdoch also said that. Mr Brunton said all the he had no idea yet on a new papers would close unless sold

Today Sun sets: 4.34 pm 7.52 am 4.34 pm Moon sets: Moon rises: Moon sets: Moon rises:
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13.0m, Dover, 12.38 am, 6.7m;
12.55 pm, 6.4m; Hull, 8.16 am,
7.2m; 8.22 pm, 7.5m, Liverpool,
12.58 am, 9.0m; 1.12 pm, 9.2m,
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Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE, central S, E, central N and NE England, East Anglia, Midlands: Mainly dry, early fog parches, rather cloudy, bright intervals in places: wind W or SW, light; max temp 11°C (S2°F).
Channel Islands, SW and NW

(S2°F).

Channel Islands, SW and NW England, Wates: Mostly cloudy, showers in N. Night frost in some drizzle and fog, mainly on W coasts and hills, brighter Sea passages: S North Sea: intervals in places; wind W or Wind variable, light or moderate,

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY; C, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; s, sun; sm, snow; th, thunder.

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(52°F). Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Argyll: Mainly cloudy, drizzle at times, hill and coastal fog; wind SW, light or moderate; max temp 10°11°C (50°-52°F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Mainly dry, rather cloudy, bright or sunny intervals; wind SW, light or moderate; max temp 10°-11°C (50°-52°F).

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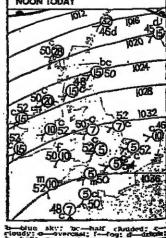
temp 10*-11°C (50*-52°F).

Glasgow. central Highlands, N
Ireland: Mainly cloudy, occasional
drizzle, bright intervals in places;
wind SW, light or moderate, possibly fresh later; max temp 10*11°C (50*-52°F).

NE and NW Scotland, Orkney,
Shetland: Mainly cloudy, rain or
drizzle at times, hill fog; wind
SW, light to moderate, increasing
to fresh or strong; max temp 9*10°C (48*-50°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sun-

Outlook for tomorrow and Sun-day: Occasional rain or drizzle at first, followed by brighter, cooler weather, with a few wintry showers in N. Night frost in places



becoming moderate.
Strait of Dover, English Channel (E), St George's Channel Wind variable, becoming SW, ight or moderate; sea slight.
Irish Sea: Wind SW, moderate.
increasing to fresh or strong; ses.
slight, becoming rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12°C (54°F); min 6 pm so 6 am, 11°C (52°F). Humidity, 8 pm, 84 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, a trace. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, a trace. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 1,031.3 millibars, rising.
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Publishing empire in Australia, Britain and the US printer's strike in 1978, when Mr Murdoch broke ranks and did a separate deal

From Michael Leapman

Mr Rupert Murdoch's publishing career began in 1952 on the death of his father, Sir Keith Murdoch, founder of the family newspaper empire. Yet after death duties had been paid, the only paper left to the young Mr Murdoch was The News, in Adelaide.

On that slender base he buil: a publishing empire that was to extend across all Australia's main cities. It consists of four day papers, two television and sold mainly in super-stations and two magazines, indaily and evening papers, three

cluding the country's best-selling television guide. Most of the Australian papers most of the Australian papers rely on a combination of sex and sensationalism, which is the hallmark of his British publications, although The Australian is a middle-brow paper, in Pairish publications, although The Service between the company of the company of

British terms a cross between The Daily Telegraph and the Daily Mail. By 1973 he was ready to try his luck in the United States, buying two papers in San Antonio, Texas. The next year he launched The Star, a weekly

known as proprietor and editor-in-chief of the New York Post, the city's only evening paper, which be bought as a staid and fading tabloid four years ago. He has made it less staid and more sensational and has increased its circulation from about half a million to more than 700,000. In doing so he has alienated

some former readers who believe the "Pregnant mom in News terror" approach is alien to Times.

many as four million copies, the city. It used to be New second only to the National Engagerer, the leader in that:

In New York he is best the conservative candidate. Mr Ronald Reagan. To effect the transformation

an afternoon edition. The Post of The Post, he has imported a set of non-American executives. Of six chief editorial New York Magazine, a glossy men named on the masthead, weekly, and The Village Voice, three are from Australia, two as weekly, and The Village Voice, as weekly newspaper aimed at from Britain and one from New the young. He leaves them largely to their own devices he is highly unpopular with the proprietors of the city's column of press criticism. has other New York papers, The sometimes had some rough News and The New York things to say about Mr Murtinies. That dates from a doch and his papers.

At the end of last year he began a circulation war with The News, which brought out

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Schools Council faces examination over functions and reforms

By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent

The Government is to set up fundamental review of the Schools Council. It is known that several Conservative MPs, including at least two of the education ministers, would like to see the council, which is a quango, abolished.

Government plans to The Government plans to announce shortly the name of an independent chairman "of some eminence" for the review body, which will be staffed by officers of both the Department of Education and Science and the cal authority associations, and the body's terms of reference. Those will include an examination of what functions the council performs; whether they are desirable or necessary; whether there is any other body that could perform them equally well; if not, whether the coun-cil has the right sort of con-stitution to do the job; and what changes, if any, are

The council was set up in 1964 with the responsibility of carrying out research into, and keeping under review, the curricula, reaching methods and examinations in schools. It is funded jointly by the Govern-ment and the local authorities. Its budget this year is £3.5m.

The council was one of the quangos which the Government asked Sir Leo Pliatzky to examine shortly after it came into power, and reference was made to it in his report to the Prime Minister a year ago.

After commenting on some of the criticisms of the council, and its attempts to meet those criticisms by drawing up a new constitution in September, 1978, the Pliatzky report went on to say: "It is too early to judge the effectiveness of this new constitution; it will be reviewed

A review was therefore ex-pected, but not the kind of fundamental review of the council and its functions proposed by the Government. The Associ-ation of Metropolitan Authorities' education committee has expressed its concern about the Government's plans, as yet communicated only orally, and has asked its officers to keep

Observers do not believe the council will be disbanded. A national forum of some kind is needed for the discussion of educational matters by parents. teachers, industrialists, trade unionists, local authorities and the various other interests. But substantial changes may be

MPs seek more control on animal farming

By Hugh Clayton Agriculture Correspondent

Members of the House of Commons Select Committee on Agriculture are to campaign for stricter controls on the treatment of farm animals, opposition from

Mr Douglas Hogg, Conserva-tive MP for Grantham, asked farmers who appeared before the committee at Westminster yesterday: "Are you not really asking us to abdicate our

responsibility?"
Sir William Elliott, chairman of the committee, disclosed that he had recently stopped eating yeal after seeing how calves were treated on a farm in Normandy. "I will never touch yeal again until those conditions are changed", he added. Leaders of farmers' unions throughout the United Kingdom defended the system of control through codes of practice against the desire of. some MPs on the committee to replace much of the codes with

rearing of calves in tight stalls and the number of chickens kept in a battery cage.

"Frequently the codes do not impose any obligations on you at all", Mr Hogg said. "The codes are so general as to permit diverse interpreta-

The farmers' unions said that factory farming was necessary because of the need for large quantities of cheap meat and because consumers wanted their food to be as cheap as possible. Farm aid plea: Farmers' leaders said yesterday that they accepted the need for an end to expansion of British milk output as part of a campaign in the EEC to control dairy sur-

Mr Richard Butler, president of the National Farmers' Union said after a meeting of the organization's policy-making council: "I would regard this as a touch of realism

He said that farmers wanted laws. the Government to match sub-The MPs want such laws to sidies paid by the French and cover a ban on the burning of Danish governments

Embassy siege factors the police could not overcome

Crime Reporter

On the morning of April 30 last several groups of young Arabs left their flat in South. Kensington and began walking to Hyde Park. Their pockets were heavy with ammunition and hand grenades, and they kept a number of weapons

hidden.

It had been agreed the night before that the groups should stay apart until they met, but the timing went wrong. One group kept catching another one up. One group would stop until the other had gained distance. It was not an auspicious beginning for the "Group of the Marryr" and its plans to capture the Iranian Embassy in Prince's Gate. Embassy in Prince's Gate.

At that building Police Constable Trevor Lock had just begun a guard shift. A recent recruit to Scotland Yard's diplomatic protection squad, he passed a parcel to one of the embassy staff, saying that it was not ticking and could not'be a bomb.

The Arabs met beneath the Albert Memorial. Their scout reported the embassy staff were all inside but there was no sign of the policeman. Whether he was in the embassy or not, the Arabs decided they could wait no longer. The six-day siege had begun.

Partially duped by their recruiters in Iraq, the terrorists were caught between the intrac-tability of both the British and tranian governments, neither of whom would accede to their demands. A number of them were to die in circumstances that have now raised some questions about what happened after members of the Special Air Service Pagiment went in Air Service Regiment went in. There are also questions about what might happen in any future siege.
As the siege began PC Lock

thought the men coming up the steps were Iranian students. A ew minutes later the embassy's chargé d'affaires was nearer the truth when he shouted "Ba'ath", a reference to the present Iraqi regime. In some group seem to have been little more than young men bitten by political fervour, and their raison d'être lay in Baghdad. According to Mr Fowzi
Nejad, the survivor of the
group, who was sentenced at
the Central Criminal Court yesterday, all six came from the Arabistan region of Iran. The region is rich in oil and is the battleground in the struggle

Arab rather than Iranian. At the time of the revolution the six were living in the region. Some of them knew one another but not well. Mr Salim, the man who became the leader, lived in the same town as Mr Nejad near Khorram-sbahr. With a degree from a southern Iranian university, he was an English teather. Mr

Nejad. Mr Nejad was a member of the Political Organization for the Arabic Republic of Arabi-stan. Each town in the region had its own cell and the its own cell and the spiritual leader was an ayatollah who had taught the Ayatollah Khomeini. The ayatollah assured his followers that his former pupil would recognize

His optimism proved ill-founded. In Mr Nejad's home rown the separatists were using the former offices of the United States consul but were told to leave. Sixty people were killed by revolutionary guards. Mr Nejad, son of a civil servant and at the time a dock

foreman, tended the wounded. He left his mother and two sisters and fled to Abadan and then to Iraq after months on

In March, 1979, he was working for the Iraqi government as a translator of Iranian broad-tasts. In Basra he met a leader of the separatist group called Shaikh Said Hadi. Mr Hadi had been sentenced to death by the

He began to put forward the plan for the attack in London and recruited the six exiled young men, all in their 20s. One of the original aims seems to have been to free the now im-prisoned Arabistan ayatollah. Other prisoners would be freed and the terrorists would earn publicity for their cause. It was felt that they would ger a fair hearing from the Britsh press. The young men were assured

that the British police were un-

armed and would not attack

'No harm intended to any Britons'

If Mr Nejad is right no harm was intended to any female hostages nor any Britons. A 24-hour deadline would be set for the Iranians to respond and then hostages would be killed at intervals. Mr Nejad says he thought the whole operation would not last more than 24 hours and if the worst came to the worst no more than five or six hostages would die. Mr Nejad, a military police-

man during his national service, and the others were shown in a Baghdad hotel the weapons they would use, and given a day's practice in the desert. between Iran and Iraq. Its inhabitants consider themselves Now a man called Sami who Mr Nejad believes was in the Iraqi Army was in charge Mr Sami claimed to know London
well Mr Nejad thought he
could have been from Palestine.
Whatever his birthplace,
there seems little doubt that

at least some section of the Iraqi regime was involved in the plot. The weapons included several with Iraqi markings and

six bullers was under an atlas

in his pocket. The searcher patted the book and left it at that. Throughout the siege PC

Lock kept the gun concealed.

would not be freed.

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When one hostage was re-

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The good relations might not

and Mr Simeon Harris, a BBC technician who was visiting the

embassy. In many ways the

terrorists came to rely on them.

There is an impression that the terrorists had done little plan-

bassy and were amateurs rather

When the terrorists were not

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than professionals.

Fowzi Nejad, the only terrorist who survived the embassy siege. the men were told before they left that they must not tell the police they were from Iraq. Mr Sami moved his men to London in two groups. The first four arrived on March 31 and the second two on April 18. Each man was given 5700 to spend, which disappeared in drinking, womanizing and shop-ping. The group were thrown out of their first flat in Earls. Court because they kept taking

in prostitutes. Each day the group walked past the embassy. They also went to Speaker's Corner and on one occasion joined an anti-Khomeini march.

Mr Salim, the only man who spoke English, was now the leader. He appeared with a sack full of weapons and a plan of the embassy the night before the attack. The six were told to concentrate on catching the ambassador or the senior diplomat.

Mr Sami also said that on no account were they to attack until he was safely on a flight out of Britain. That was why they took their time walking to the embassy. In the event Mr Sami, with the terrorists' new Iraqi passports, took off for Paris four hours after the

siege began.
Shortly after 11 am Mr
Nejad, with little or no know-ledge of the world beyond
Iran, found himself inside the embassy. On the steps of the Albert Memorial the terrorists had worked out a rough strategy and attacked

The first few minutes were chaotic but someone searched PC Lock. His gun, loaded with Until this week no one knew appearance of Army officer A that from the second day the terrorists were divided on what The SAS had been on hand

Matters worsened on the Sunday. Mr Nejad says that then a decision was taken to kill a hostage and Mr Abbas Labasani, a press officer, began to appear as the likely victim. He seems to have offered him-

self as a ritual martyr.

On the morning of the last day he died it shocked a number of the terrorists. Within hours one had approached PC

Lock about surrendering.
The terrorists were growing more and more insistent about seeing the ambassadors.
As the day wore on and tension rose an imam was taken in to talk to Mr Salim. He replied and three shots were heard on the telephone. Shortly before 7 pm the body

of the dead hostage was pur out. The terrorists realized that they were likely to be attacked. Mr Faisal is said to have been heard urging that all the hostages should be shot. The terrorists tried to fore-stall any attack by barricading a stairway. They did their job too well and two were trapped on the wrong side and had to climb over the bannisters.

After the body was carried

away Deputy Assistant Com-missioner John Dellow, in charge of the police operation, handed over control to an Army officer, identified only as "A". Two hours earlier marksmen the Yard's sniper squad had taken up new positions,

When one of the hostages was ill Mr Salim rang 999 with The changeover was recognition that the triumph aid of another hostage and Balcombe Street, when the IRA tried to get a doctor. According to several of the hostages Mr men gave up, and the Spagherti House siege were not to be repeated in a third bloodless surrender. Six days of negotia-tions and factics had failed. Salim also telephoned to Iran and left a message for Mr Sadeq Quarbzeh, the former Foreign Minister: They also say the two later spoke and Mr Salim 2:25 told he could do what he liked, but the 90 prisoners From the first day the police had brought in relays of officers trained in siege nego-tiations. The Middle Eastern mind, with its fascination for On the fourth day life in the embassy was beginning to take its toll. For at least part of the martyrdom was a new experi-ence and one which officers

feared might prove too diffitime between the many threats there was a bond between the There were factors the police-Arabs and their prisoners. The men could not overcome. They gunmen talked of relatives at home and debated their standcould not deviate from a policy agreed between European governments in the mid-1970s leased she was given a coat by Mr Salim. Another was apparently freed after telling that no one would surreader to terrorism. Some of the demands were the responsibility of a

foreign government outside anyone's influence. The absence of the ambassadors seems to have pushed things on. It was argued that have existed but for the con-tinual endeavours of PC Lock the ambassadors could not be sent because third parties could not be brought into the talks, yet the imam and a BBC man were. Behind the police was a Cabinet emergency committee and perhaps it was there that final lines for negotiations

The negotiators did achieve the freedom of a number of hostages and the first 24-hour deadline soon passed. But the sure what to do next PC Lock and Mr Harris suggested ways towards a deal for surreader.

ince the beginning of the siege. On May 6 they stormed the empress and television cameras.
When they left the smelling,
ruined building five terrorists

were dead. The manner of some of those deaths has this weel raised questions Hostages have told the court that three or four Arabs who opened fire on the bostages as the SAS attacked were persuaded to surrender and

weapons were thrown from a window. Some of them were window. Some of their were found outside.
When the SAS entered the room where the hostages and the terrorists were waiting, the Crown prosecutor said in court they took them on and killed them". Mr Kenneth Richard. son said: "Some of the terrorists appear to have chosen martyrdom".

Terrorist ran with hand grenade

Several witnesses have said that the SAS were told that everyone had surrendered. Mr Abdul Fallahi told the court that terrorists were killed after they had surrendered and he described how he threw weapons out of the window.

Mr Ahmed Dadgar said the wall when they were killed.

Mr Ali Tabatabai said he saw
one of the terrorists facing the "bastard" and shot him in the head. The court was also told that Mr Faisal, the second in command, ran from the room with a hand grenade and was shot by the SAS, who later gave

the police the grenade.

Mr Tabatabai is adamant that the man he saw shot was Mr Faisal. The police evidence shows the body of this man at the foot of stairs on the ground floor two floors below with the control of the same than the foot of stairs on the ground floor two floors below with the same than the same that the same than the same than the same than the same than the sa floor two floors below with multiple injuries.

Two terrorists, Makin and Sina, were found in the room where the hostages were. One had multiple wounds and the other a single wound in the back of the neck. Three greeades were in the room. All three were unarmed, as was a founti found in another room. Mr Sallm died of multiple injuries after a struggle with PC Lock in which the SAS intervened.

Mr Nejad escaped from the building with the hostages. He told the police two terrorists, Faisal and Shia, were told to stand up in the room when the SAS arrived and told to kneel faisand to the standard to facing the wall with their hands on the wall, and as he was led away shots were heard.

At the time the SAS arrived

the embassy was filled with smoke and confusion. How the terrorists died will be a matter for the inquest.

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Mortgages for bomb refuges possible

Home Affairs Correspondent gages for the right kind of nuclear shelter.

"We would be prepared to lend on a suitable structure built for the purpose", the com-pany said. But loans could be considered only when sufficient funds were available for ordinary housing.

The right sort of shelter might be one made of re-inforced concrete. Five were put on display yesterday at the Home Defence College at Easingwold, North Yorkshire. Officials said the cost would be between £6,000 and £10,000. The Woolwich said it would need to follow a guideline such as provided by two new official publications when told that the

Home Office was providing technical guidance for archi-tects and engineers on the design and construction of shelters. Nine.steps down, the interior of the most luxurious was stuffed, like a small cabin

cruiser, with three bunks, room

for another mattress, a sink unit

and cupboards. A ventilator re-

But the designers of the range The Woolwich Building of five shelters on display had Society is ready to grant mort drawn on claustrophic experidrawn on claustrophic experiof the British in two world wars for the less luxuri-The crudest is a trench with

> earth walls, a room made of doors and covered with more soil. Sandbags across the entrance would cut our blast. It will cost about £200 to erect Who cost about 2200 to electry
> When I asked Mr Patrick
> Mayhew, Minister of State at
> the Home Office, about companies planning to do the Government's job by offering communal protection, at a price, he said he could not

> accept that. The Campaign Nuclear Disarmament is unlikely to be impressed by the Government's efforts. Mr Christopher Horrie, editor of Sanity, the CND journal, said his response to the shelters on display was a mixture of de-pression and the feeling that there was "a bit of a con trick going on ".

Domestic "Nuclear (Stationery Office, 50p); Domestic Nuclear Shelters—Technical Guid-ance (Stationery Office, £5.50).

CND criticizes private shelter for 12,000

sponded to the turn of a handle. By John Witherow The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament yesterday criticized plans for what could be the biggest civilian nuclear shelter in West Europe, housing about 12,000 people.

Douvaine, a company based in Jersey, is proposing to convert quarry workings at a 41-acre site near the town of Corsham, Wiltshire, into the shel-ter, much of which would be 100ft underground. It intends to sell most of the places in the wast network of old mines for £2,000 each.

The CND described the pro-ject as "horrendous" and said t would encourage the idea that people could survive a nuclear war. "What would be the war. What would be the point?" a member asked.
"You will be surviving in a frightful world full of radioactivity."

Dr Paul Rogers, senior lecturer in the School of Peace Studies at Bradford University, said such schemes could in-crease the likelihood of nuclear

war, because the idea became increasingly acceptable.

Even with a large number of first he had hear shelters, about 20 million ambitious scheme."

people in Britain would die in a nuclear amack, he said. The scheme would mean that those who could afford to pay

Douvaine, which is about to seek planning permission estimates that it will cost between-17m and 110m to develop the mines. By selling places for 10.500 people the company would earn about £21m. It would charge a ground rent of £50' a year for a room for lour ... people and is offering a mort gage scheme over five years. A family of four could buy a

room in the shelter on a 99-year lease for £8,000, which would include lighting, ventilation, water, heating and basic furni-There would be big communal dining rooms, libraries,

recreation rooms, internal radio

. closed-circuit television and hospital and policing staff for the three months survivors might be forced to stay The townspeople of Corsham did not appear to be aware of the project yesterday. Dr Peter Henderson, chairman of the parish council, said it was the first he had heard of "this

BMA challenge on health service spending Yorkshire rates kin, Secretary of State for Social Services, Dr John Havard, the BMA's secretary, says there will be "very considerable concern in the medical profession over the plans for funding the service this year". The letter, which appears to on a 14 per cent cash limit, Dr Havard says, but on the latest evidence pay and price increases are likely to average 18 per cent. In the hospital and community health sector "this will not only wipe out any potential growth, it may even show a small decline over the out-turn for 1979-80".

By Nicholas Timmins The British Medical Association has challenged the Government's assertion that it is increasing spending on the National Health Service in line with the former Labour government's plans.

Instead, the BMA said yesterday, spending this year may even have declined slightly in real terms, while cash limits for the coming year will have to be set higher than appears to. be the Government's intention if the planned increase in spending in 1981-82 is not to be swallowed by pay and price rises.
In a letter to Mr Patrick Jen-

Guide can find no three-star cooks in Britain

By Robin Young . Britain still lacks cuisine of the highest Continental stan-dards, according to the 1981 edition of the Michelin Red Guide to Great Britain and ireland. This year's book, to be published on Monday, is the eighth edition and still denies Britain any three-star award to

The guide's editor-in-chief,

whose anonymity is scrupu-lously maintained, said yester-

day that he was sure there were people in the British Isles capable of cooking to three-

star standards.

the Government on health service funding, refers to a statement by Mr Jenkin that health authorities spending would in-crease by almost 0.5 per cent in real terms this year and about 1.5 per cent next. be set, on the basis of pres
This year's increase was based average earnings and prices.

The letter, which appears to mark the end of a honeymoon

period between the doctors and

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak, called yesterday for a reform of the system which allowed defendants to spend more than six months in custody while awaiting trial. He believes that scores of unconvicted prisoners may be incarcerated for that period.

"It is an appalling situation."

he said.

Anyone who has to wait for more than 60 days, the maximum allowed in the United States, is being sentenced whether he is found guilty or not I believe in a strong police force and in short, sharp sentences, but we are too eager to sentences.

Cash limits have yet to be set for the health service for 1981-82, but government statements so far suggest a cash limit of between 71 and 8 per cent. Dr. Havard says, however, that recent forecasts suggest a figure of 12 per cent should be set, on the basis of present

out-turn for 1979-80".

'Reform remand law' plea allow the police to oppose bail. The country that introduced habeas corpus is actually imhabeus corpus is actually imprisoning people without even trying them."

Mr Beaumoni Dark, who bases his evidence on inquiries in his constituency, called for courts to sit all through the year, and for longer hours to easy the

for longer hours, to ease the backlog. He has tabled three questions to the Home Secretary asking how many people in each of the past five years have been remanded in custody awaiting trial for more than six months, how many in that time have subsequently been found not guilty, and how many eventu-ally received non-custodial

group will monitor spending From Ronald Kershaw

side region of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) has formed a rates action group to keep a watch on local authority spending.

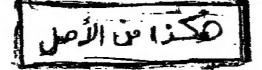
West Riding industrialists have met West Yorkshire County Council to define great for discussion and cooperation.
They have put their business They have put their expertise at the disposal of local authorities.

The CBI believes the only way to keep rates down is to control the level of public spending. Mr Brian Bigley, CEI regional director, said last night: "York shire businesses, which are already hard hit by the recession, will have to cut back on jobs and investment even further if there are more huge rate

increases this year". . The action group would look at local authorities functions and expenditure to discover which were duplicated or unnecessary.

The CBI was calling for a second as a seco

ceiling on business rates as a safeguard against extravagant authorities; rate relief for partly occupied business premises; no rates on empty properties; the scrapping of the surcharge on empty commercial buildings; and the payment of business rates by instalments.



Proof is pressed to support the means the MPs formula favoured by MPs to elect Labour Party leadership

Political Correspondent

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Mr Michael Foot, the Labour cial Labour Party conference at weapone window to the lease way to be leader when the lease would like to see created for When the leader and the deputy leader.

He is due to speak at the end, when the conference has come to a decision.

But he has been pressed by a number of MPs to intervene and use his influence in favour of the allocation of voting power supported by the parlia-Terrorist ran minh hand grenade

power supported by the partiamentary party: 50 per cent for
the MPs. 25 per cent for constituency parties and 23 per
cent for the trade unions and
other affiliated organizations. hand grenade

Last night Mr Foot was still Last night Mr Foot was still undecided, but he made clear to parliamentary colleagues that the transport that he was against the proposition, from the left-dominated Abdul Faragin mational executive committee, that terrories have a should have one third of the described was a still undecided, but he made clear to parliamentary colleagues that he was against the proposition, from the left-dominated participation of the party the made and several participations.

The first 90 minutes of the conference will be devoted to a debate to decide which of five main options should be adopted.

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When one of the principles has secured more than 50 per cent of the votes the conference will proceed to various

As the seamen's dispute over

rejection of a 12 per cent pay

offer continued ysterday it became clear that workers in

other industries were prepared to accept single figure increases

being urged by the Govern-

The General and Municipal Workers Union, whose mem-bers form most of the coun-

try's one million local authority manual workers, said there had

been overwhelming acceptance

Transport and General Workers' Union have still to

announce the decision of their

membership among local autho-

fl by the unions yesterday.

Under the deal, which

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proposals for carrying that prin-ciple into practice.

Mr Foot's objective will be leader, may seek to intervene to show Labour MPs, and early in the debate at the spe-especially those on the right, that he is anxious to preserve for MPs the dominant rôle in choosing the party leader, who has to be sustained by their votes in the Commons.

Dr David Owen, MP for Ply-

mouth, Developer, and a lead-ing member of the "gung of three", who are threatening to lead a breakaway movement, yesterday repeated that the special conference would be a "watershed" in the bistory of

Interviewed in the BBC radio programme, The World at One, Dr Owen was to'd that Mr Foot had argued that the right-wing proposal that the election of the leader should be by all members of the party on the principle of "one member, one vote" would conflict with the responsibilities of MPs and would amount to the usurping of their parliamentary rights.

"Nonsense", Dr Owen said. If there was to be a change in the merhod, delegates had to consider whether they could trust their members of Parliament. The present system had served the party well in the past, and it had given the party Mr Foot as leader this year. He thought that was was the best way, but if there had to be a change it had to be demo-

cratic in character, and that could best be achieved by a postal ballot of all members.

"The electoral college which Mr Foot is proposing, in which he wants 50 per cent for the

Seamen's attitude hardens while

other unions settle below 10%

vote to override the rights of the MPs."

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When Mr Foot met members of the Manifesto Group of Labour MPs on Wednesday, he said he would not commit the Labour Porty to withdrawing from the EEC and would not give u pBritain's nuclear deter-

Dr Owen was asked whether the compromises now being put forward by Mr Foot would in-fluence him and his friends as

they considered whether to leave the party.

Dr Owen replied: "No. because I do not think they add up to anything concrete and specific, and I am extremely sceptical whether he could deliver even if he wants to deliver."

'deliver'".

It was put to Dr Owen that Mr Foot had claimed it was wrong for Dr Owen and his friends to say that the trade union block votes could be influenced by communists.

Dr Owen said: "There is no way in which even the sensible moderate trade unions can separate from their political levy-pavers those who are members of other political parties

After the conference be would consider with others whether they should work to realign British politics. He would remain a member of the party while he discussed it. He hoped something might be arranged which would make it unnecessary for him to leave unnecessary for him to leave

Can Mr Foot be an election winner? page 12

The fire-damaged Tynan Abbey, co Armagh, yesterday after the terrorist attack in which Sir Norman Stronge and his son James were killed.

Bill calls for advance in integration of handicapped in schools

ducation Correspondent

An unexpected thrust towards the integration into ordinary schools of handicapped children and other pupils with special educational needs is made in the Government's Bill on special education, published vesterday.

The Bill also places a duty on local authorities to make suitable educational provision for children aged between two and five, as well as those of compulsory school age, who have special educational needs or who might develop them if nursery provision is not make. There is a similar duty to make provision for those aged beprovision for those aged be-tween 16 and 19.

On integration, the Bill provides that a local authority must ensure that a child who has been identified as having special educational needs is educated in an ordinary school, as opposed to a special school for the handicapped; and the school would be required to see

normal activities of the school. However, local authorities would be required to take into account the wishes of parents, and the arrangements for the child's education would have to be compatible with providing "efficient" education both for the child concerved and for the

children with whom he or she was educated, and also com-patible with the "efficient use Parents would have the right of appeal to a committee against a local authority's decision to allocate their child to a particular school, with a further right

of appeal to the Secretary of The Bill's provisions on integration would replace section 10 of the Education Act, 1976, which "requested" local authorities to arrange for children with special educa-tional needs to be educated in ordinary schools except where it would be impracticable, or

ture. That section has never been brought into force. New procedures for the New procedures for the identification of children with special needs are laid down in

the Bill, which would require assessment to take into account medical, educational psychological factors. Local authorities would be empowered for the first time to make special educational provision for children with special needs under the age of

The Bill provides a wider definition of children with special needs, which is broadly in line with the recommenda-tion of the Warnock committee on the education of handicapped

children. Local authorities would be prevented from placing children with special educational needs in independent schools unless the schools had been approved

for that purpose
Local authorities would be
required for the first time to incompatible with efficient seek the Secretary of State's instruction, or would involve approval before closing a main-unreasonable public expenditained special school.

The proposed changes were

cluding the Association of Scientific, Technical and Mana-

gerial Staffs, and the Civil and

Public Services Association, pre-

sented memoranda to the coun-cil arguing that the suggested

cuts were based on an inade-quate review of the research

The opposition is supported by the mineworkers' and agri-

cultural workers' unions, whose members have been helped

greatly by the discoveries and clinical services provided at Llandough. The unit, which employs about £1,250,000 a year, it an incorrectional leader in

But a delegation, in-

More quotas met on jobs for disabled

More government departments met the 3 per cent quota on the employment of disabled people last year, despite fears that the present review of its usefulness will lead to its being

ment, which has been running campaigns to persuade more employers to take on disabled people, recruited an extra 98 people last year to meet the quota again, after slipping below it in recent years.

and Social Security slipped from 2.06 in 1979 to 1.99 last year, with 1.926 registered dis-abled people employed there in abled people employed there in June, 1980.

Mr Paul Channon, Minister of State at the Civil Service Department, says in the newsletter that he is confident that departments will want to meet the challenge of the Inter-national Year of Disabled People by continuing to make determined effort to employ

possible.

"The Civil Service has always done its best to set a good example to other employers in taking positive steps to help the disabled by remov-ing, wherever possible, any obstacles to their employment and advancement in the Civil

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent

scrapped. The Department of Employ-

The employment group improved its performance from 2.67 per cent in 1979 to 3.2 in June, 1980, employing just over 1,600 registered disabled people. But the Department of Health

Because the DHSS is such a large employer, its figures are believed to be the main cause of a slight drop in the overall of a slight drop in the overall performance of government departments. The average proportion of registered disabled people employed by all departments was 1.8 per cent in June, 1979, but 1.7 per cent in 1980.

The new figures, disclosed in Quota, a newsletter for personnel management of the Civil

nel management of the Civil Service Department, show that 11 departments met the quota last year, three more than in 1979. Another nine departments employed more than 2 per cent registered disabled people

isabled people whenever

In brief Quick decisions on BR unlikely

There will be no instant decisions on more government help for the railways at next week's meeting between the rail unions, the railways board and Mr Norman Fowier, Scoretary of State for Transport, the Department of Transport indicated last night.

Mr Fowler welcomed a meet-ing with the Rail Council and would be interested to hear the board's and the unions' views on implementing productivity proposals in the recent corporate plan, it said.

Seven detectives face 26 drug charges

A total of 26 charges involving drug offences against six detectives from Humberside and one from Greater Manchester were adjourned until May 11 by Euli magistrates vesterday. None of the accused appeared in court.

Almshouses decision A decision over the action tion of seventeenth-century listed almshouses at Denton, in Lincolnshire, was deferred until February 13 at a meeting yesterday of the South Kesteven District Council.

Clamp-down on drivers The Greater London Council is to ask Parliament for an amendment to the Transport Bill which would give it power to fit wheel clamps to illegally parked vehicles as "a positive deterrent to parking viola-

Warship launched

A bottle of English wine from the Beaulieu vincyard was used yesterday to launch EMG Cattistock, the third of the Hunt class, plastic-built, mine counter-measure vessels, at Vosper Thornycroft's yard in Southampton.

Mr Bosanquet recovers

Mr Reginald Bosanquet, the former television newsreader, left hospital in Glasgow yesterday after treatment for an epileptic seizure. He said he had been suffering from the disorder for about six years.

Tube travel survey

More than 500,000 London Transport passengers will take part during the next three months in the biggest Underground travel survey for a decade. It will help in planning the Tube network for the 1980s.

Nationality Bill protest

The Board of Deputies of British Jews has called on the Government to withdraw the Nationality Bill for further consideration because it discriminates against naturalized British criizens.

Crash pilot named

The pilot who was killed when his light aircraft crashed in mist in a field near Hull on Wednesday was named yester-day as Captain Brian Leak, aged 45, of Bessacarr, Doncaster.

Mental care inquiry

Lord Longford is proposing to set up another of his independent committees of inquiry, this time into aftercare for former patients of mental hospitals.

An armed man held up staff at the Woolwich Building Society office in Fleet Street, London, yesterday and escaped with £700.

Buchanans

Armed raider gets £709

Prison officers' dispute hinges on court hearing

By David Nicholson-Lord Industrial action by prison officers, called off by the men's union last week, may be resumed in the light of a High Court hearing today.

The executive of the Prison
Officers' Association yesterday
met to consider an injunction

taken our against it by officers from Ashford remand centre, from Ashford remand centre, Surrey, who are contesting the legality of its decisions to call off the three-month dispute in the light of a revised offer from the Home Office.

Mr Colin Steel, the association's chairman, said: "If the High Court finds against us then the action is back on".

The executive was also

The executive was also deciding on calls for a ballot or a delegate meeting to conder the offer.

Mr Steel denied reports that

thirty branches of association were continuing with industrial action in defiance of the executive. Only five of the 127 branches were holding out, he said, and the rest of the service was examining the offer in detail.

The officers will get the equivalent of 7.5 per cent on their basic pay if they accept the deal. From now on meal breaks are to be paid for as part of a 42-hour gross working week. There is to be a three-hour reduction in the net

week to sell, scrap or transfer made several attempts to dock to foreign registration nine but dockers refused to pick up vessels as a result of the ropes thrown ashore by the National Union of Seamen's crew. industrial action.

The General Council of British Shipping said: "Follow-ing the rejection of the 10.5 per cent and 12 per cent offers, and with the seamen's strike, the companies have come to the conclusion that they cannot operate their ships economically the United Kingdom". He declined to name the companies taking that action.

of a 7.5 per cent pay offer made by local government As the NUS stepped up its action against Townsend Thoresen yesterday, with the assistance of the dockers of the Transport and General Workers' Union, the company wrote individually to its 400 employees in the United Kingdom offering them a 10 per cent pay in-

rity manual workers, but the 9.5 per cent offer by Ford man-agement was formally accepted The escalation of the action came after the company sus-pended 12 crewmen who had taken part in industrial action eurlier in the week. They have in the dispute. been offered reinstatement prorecommended by union negotiators, the average pay of the company's 57,000 manual workers will rise to between vided they agree not to take any further industrial action. There were increasing signs last night of bitterness and a bardening of attitudes in the

Parliamentary Correspondent

Fears that next Tuesday's

announcement of the latest un-employment figures will show a rise to more than 2,500,000

brought a bitter clash in the House of Commons yesterday

between Mrs Margaret Thatcher

and Mr Michael Foot, Leader

Demanding a debate imme-

would be faced with "appalling and unprecedented figures".

Recent statements showed that there would be further additions

But Mrs Thatcher had come

to the House well prepared for Mr Poot's attack. While sharing

the distress at the unemploy-

ment figures, she described the Opposition leader's emotional

outburst as "synthetic anger over procedural matters ...
There would be no special

debate and the announcement

would be made in the normal

She pointed out that Mr

James Prior, Secretary of State

for Employment, would be

answering questions in the

As backbench MPs on either side of the House joined in the

fray, Mr Foot told the Prime

Minister that she did not yet

Commons on that day.

to the present terrible total.

By Hugh Noyes

of the Opposition.

Westminster

Prime Minister clashes

with Mr Foot over jobless

Demanding a debate immediately after the announcement, Mr Foot said that the country would be faced with "appalling and unprecedented figures". August, 1979, just after the Recent statements showed that there would be further additions risen to 1,500,000. That, also,

The ferry was ordered out of dock by port authorities and was understood to be sailing to Cherbourg late last night. NUS members are staging sit-ins on two of the company's passenger ferries, the Viking Venturer and the Viking Vallant. The NUS said that all movements of Townsend Thoresen ferries in and out of Southampton and Portsmouth were blacked.

Sealink has suspended all sailings on the Fishguard-Ross-lare and Holyhead-Dun Laoghaire and Holyhead-Dun Laoghaire routes because of the
dispute and Scottish services
operated by Caledonian McBrayne were also halted by a
24-hour strike by NUS members.
Mr James Slater, NUS
general secretary, is to meet
Mr Eric Nevin, his counterpart
from the Merchant Navy and

from the Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association, this morning to seek his support

The officers last week received a revised offer from the employers which would yield 10.5 per cent increases from January 1. A condition of acceptance was that the officers Blacking of Townsend Thoresen by the NUS yesterday prevented the Viking IV. a freight ferry, from docking at Southampton. The ship, which was carrying 10 French and two British lorries from Le Havre, in November.

thing seen since the end of the

war. When was Mrs Thatcher

going to take responsibility for

all the afflictions she had brought on the country?

To Conservative cheers and shouts of "humbug", the Prime Minister told him that

while he was Secretary of State for Employment, unemployment

was distressing.

Mrs Thatcher added that she

could understand his distress

ing, Mr Foot retorted, was when Mrs Thatcher would show any

sense of distress for what she had achieved. How much had unemployment increased since

Producing an impressive array of figures, the Prime Minister responded with the

reminder that the unemploy-

ment position when the Con-

servatives took office was

1,340,000, almost twice as much

as when Mr Foot became Sec-

retary of State for Employment.

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over procedure.

she took office?

but not his synthetic anger

What the country was wonder-

on fraud condemned By Our Social Services Correspondent

Guidelines

Reported new guidelines for social security fraud investigators were condemned last night by Mr Norman Buchan, Labour spokesman on social security, as a "monstrous invasion of freedoms and a sharp denial of natural justice".

Mr Buchan demanded in a letter to Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, that the guidelines should be withdrawn immediately if reports about them were accurate. If those reports were untrue, Mr Buchan demanded an immediate denial. Mr Buchan was responding Mr Buchan was responding to the publication in New Society of extracts from leaked understand that they were being faced every month by far worse unemployment figures than any-

documents amending the Fraud investigator's Guide. He said in his letter to Mr Jenkin that the new guidelines were in line with reports he was receiving increasingly from people whose benefits had been stopped without notice or warning.

He asked whether the new goidelines told officers that the main emphasis is on cost effectiveness " rather than on justice and equity for people receiving benefits, as reported. Was it also true, Mr Buchan asked, that the criteria for not pursuing cases to prosecution included the low mentality of the claimant or because a court might be more sympathetic to

the claimant because of his age or physical condition? "This seems a most extra-ordinary approach both towards social security and indeed to the application of justice itself", Mr Buchan wrote. "It is imperative that the existing guidelines should now be published so that they can properly be judged."

Anthrax outbreak

An outbreak of anthrax among cattle at Pool Quay, near Welshpool, Powys, was con-firmed by the Ministry of Agri-

Research council urged to reject lung centre cuts investigations into suspected new sources of lung disease. By Pearce Wright

Science Editor

A call was made yesterday
to the Medical Research Council to reject proposals to cut
yesterday and a decision has
yesterday and a decision has at a research centre which specializes in lung diseases and illnesses caused by dust fibres, zerosols and other contaminants in the atmos-

The dispute between the council and staff side, representing scientists, technicians and administrative employees of the Pneunoconiosis Unit at Liandough Hospital, Penarth, South Wales, is more far-reaching than a simple argu-ment about reducing expendi-

There have been cutbacks with a loss of about 20 staff. The objection is to proposals to transfer work from two of is an international leader in

the unit's departments to some understother, unspecified group, and new to halt the introduction of disease capital equipment essential to origin. understanding and developing new treatments for lung diseases, mainly of occupational

By Christopher Warman

Local authorities are to be set spending targets for the coming year by the Govern-

Some councils, including Kent County Council, have included in their budget provision for a loss of grant, and that means a higher rate increase. Mr Heseltine was been to apply the that was been to apply the part of the county keen to emphasize that that was

councils which achieved the targets set by the Government, a reduction of spending by 5.6 per cent compared with 1978-79, would not be subject to

That led to a protest from the Association of Metropolitan Authorities that he had changed the rules. Mr Jack Smart, chairman of the AMA, said they had appealed to Mr Heseltine not to take any action be-fore it was known what the spending total was going to be. One of local government's main concerns is that the targets to be set are not the same as the grant-related expenditure assessments which provide the base of the rate support grant. Mr Heseltine explained after

the meeting that the block grant, using the assessment, is simply the method of distributing the grant and is not the

Spending targets to be set for local councils

Correspondent

ment to make sure that they know whether they will be liable to penalties under the new block grant finance system. Mr Michael Heseltine, Secre-tary of State for the Environment, mer leaders of the local authority associations yester-day to discuss local expenditure in the light of the rate support grant and the fear that the Government may take back grant later in the year.

He gave an assurance that target.

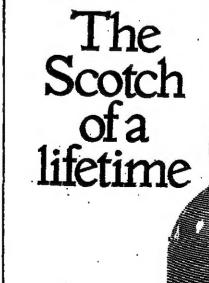
Government is defeated in

The Government was defeated members.
by a single vote in a Commons In the

to the Fisheries Bill, which was designed to open up the ques-tion of the size of the author-

standing committe yesterday on the Opposition's success yester-an amendment which would day, the Government will be willing to consider any fresh representations about the size and nature of the authority.

intends that there should be pendent of the industry.





More open space planned for South Bank site sidered to be an unacceptable with the riverside and, possibly,

4.7

Planning Reporter New proposals for the redevelopment of the Coin Street site, on the South Bank, in London, were made public

The plans have received the warm commendation of the Royal Fine Art Commission, and Mr Rogers said he hoped agreement could be reached with the three local authorities concerned without another long

public inquiry.

Although the plans follow a broadly similar pattern to those that were rejected last summer by Mr Michael Seseltine, Secretary of State to rihe Environ-ment, steps have been taken to reduce what was then con-

The density of the develop-ment has been reduced, from a plot ratio (the ratio of floor space to the total area of the site) of about three to one to yesterday by Mr Richard about 2.5 to one. There would Rogers, the architect for Grey coat London Estates, the would be developers.

The about 2.5 to one. There would be more open space, and a series of parallel pedestrian streets would intersect the series of parallel pedestrian

The plans envisage a total of about 1,500,000 sq ft of buildings, of which nearly two thirds would be offices. The rest would include housing, small industrial units, shops, restaurants, a sheltered amphitheatre and various recreational facilities.

A prominent feature would be a covered pedestrian mall, which would run through the centre of the development and a new footbridge across the

Mr Rogers estimated the total cost at about £150m at today's prices. Interest in renting office space had been expressed by several companies, including Citibank and Phillips

Petroleum. There might be scope for architectural competitions for specific parts of the site. But it had to be recognized that it was a metropolitan site, on which suburbia would be inappropriate, and that the develop-ers were not prepared to be dictated to on the sort of premises they should offer their

tenents. Agreements could be reached Agreements could be reached the developers for an act of fairly quickly with Southwark parronage which will bring council and the Greater London order and a distinguished would connect Waterloo Council. If Lambeth's attitude group of buildings to station and the Shell Centre proved a sticking point it was tant part of London." Council. If Lambeth's attitude group of buildings to an impor-

theoretically possible for the GLC to grant itself deemed planning permission for the parts of the site it owned. The highest part of the

development would not be more

than 200 ft, which was consider-

ably lower than several surrounding buildings. In a letter to Mr Rogers, Mr. Sherban Cantacuzino, secretary of the commission, says that the commission find the revised project to be "not only the bold and imaginative scheme they have always considered it to be, but also an appropriate one for the site in that it is

no longer overbearing.
"They wish to congratulate

committee on fish Bill By Our Parliamentary Staff

halve to six members the Sea Fish Industry Authority to be set up under the Bill. Two Conservative MPs de-But unless they change their clined to vote against the intentions, it is likely that official Opposition amendment ministers will ask the Commons to the Fichesian Paris

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State for Agriculmembers of the authority would : more cohesively if it consisted be full-time. The Government of people who were more indeeight members from the in-

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dustry and four independent In the situation created by

to reverse yesterday's defeat . The amendment had occupied the committee for the whole of Tuesday's sitting when Mr Gavin Strang, Opposition spokesman on fisheries (Edinburgh ture, Fisheries and Food, told East), in moving it said that the committee that ministers the new authority would be had not decided whether any more effective and could act



Parisians climbing outside the third floor of this building in Avenue George V to escape a fire yesterday. Five people were taken to hospital.

cent for the lowest paid, but much less for those on higher

reported to have said that it was "impossible to justify a

situation where middle-ranking

officials in Erussels can earn more than my Chancellor".

This is a sentiment that will strike a populist chord in many

member states where the image of the Eurocrat as an overpaid

idler living it up at the tax-payer's expense is well estab-lished. The strike organizers in

departments and more than 250,000 for Commissioners.

Average post-tax pay for a bachelor employed by the Commission is about £12,000. All

employees, however, get an "expatriation" allowance equal to 16 per cent of basic salary and additional allowances de-

pending on the size of their

Ten are taken to court | First woman over Eurocrats' pay

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Jan 22

EEC member governments are to be taken to the European Court of Justice for reneging on a legal agreement governing the pay of employees of the European Commission and other Community institutions.

This action was decided upon by the Commission as its 8,500 multi-national employees staged a one-day strike in protest at the treatment they received earlier this week at the hands of EEC foreign ministers. The strike disrupted much Community business.

The Commission staff were joined in their protest by the 620 employees of the Court of Justice and the economic and social committee. Tomorrow the 1.800 staff of the European Parliament's Secretariat are expected to come out.

Across the road from the commission, the 1,500 staff of the Council of Ministers' own secretariat have been staging one-hour stoppages each morn-ing and afternoon since January 12 because of the pay dispute and are threatening to extend their action.

The immediate cause of the protest was this week's uni-lateral decision of foreign ministers to scrap an agreed procedure in force since 1976 for calculating annual salary increases. This took account of changes in the local cost of living and the purchasing power of national civil servents over of national civil servants over the previous 12 months.

On this basis the Commission proposed a 3.3 per cent increase. This was made up of 3.1 per cent for the cost of

Alleged leaders

Brigades jailed

Rome, Jan 22
A Turin court today sen-

tenced two alleged leaders of the Red Brigades, Signorina Nadia Ponti, aged 31, and

Signor Vincenzo Guagliarino,

aged 32, to seven years' im-

prisonment for illegal posses-sion of arms. Both were carrying pistols when arrested

in a Turin bar on December 21.

During the defence pleas, the

proceedings were briefly inter-rupted when Signor Guagliarino

shouted to the defence counsel

who had been assigned to him to shut up, otherwise he would risk being beaten up. He did not want to be defended by someone who was an "agent of the counter-revolution".

When the lawyer resumed, the two accused left the court-room, as is their right under Italian law.

M Giscard opens

Rome, Jan 22.-President

Giscard d'Estaing of France

arrived here tonight by air on

talks in Rome

audience of the Pope.

unit, in the Veneto.

From Our Correspondent

of Red

Immortals living and a further 0.2 per cent which is estimated to be the average increase in the real income of national civil ser-From Charles Hargrove

vants (a figure said to have been boosted by an 8 per cent rise in Britain).

The foreign ministers instead offered all EEC employees a flat-rate increase of 1,030 Belgian francs a month (about £13). This works out as an increase of a little over 2 per demy today.

He was welcoming, in the name of the "Immortals", Mme Marguerite Yourcenar, the first woman ever to sit among them in some 350 years. selaries.
Rerr Klaus von Dohnauyi,
the deputy West German
Foreign Minister whose government is taking a particularly
tough line in the dispute, is

Mme Yourcenar is the author of Memoirs of Hadrian, L'Ocuvre au Noir and other works which he described as taking their place with eclar in "this fragile, precious, and immense edifice of French literature which it is our mission to defend and to adorn."

had even been given French nationality by special presidential decree to enable her to sit in this." illustrious company", as it is sometimes called, she made no concessions to the tra-ditional academic costume. She wore a simple, long black velvet skirt, a white blouse, with flow-Brossels are not unaware of the difficulty of winning sympathy EEC employees are certainly ing sleeves and, over it, a long

The unique quality of the occasion left her quite unper-turbed, and she seemed com-

you are a great writer. To be a woman is still not sufficient to sit under the dome (of the academy). But to be a woman is no longer enough to be prevented from sitting there."

joins French

The sky did not fall on his head when M Jean D'Ormesson pronounced that unheard of, and prodigiously singular word "Madame" in the French Aca-

Though Madame Yourcenar

well paid by most national stan-dards. Fasic salaries range up from £6,700 a year for doormen to around £40,900 for heads of

pletely at ease in this traditionally mysogynist institution.

M D'Ormesson, however,
emphasized that "it is not
because you are a woman that
you are here today, but because

Spanish industrialists issue terms for EEC entry

From Richard Wigg Madrid, Jan 22

The Spanish Confederation of Employers' Organizations was publicly rebuked today by Señor Eduardo Funset Casals, the Minister for relations with the EEC, over what he regards as an attempt to dictate tectionist? safeguards Spain's entry to the Community.

The prosecution said that, according to information supplied by a terrorist now in jail, the two were responsible for the Red Brigades "column" or On Sunday, Senor Punset will travel to Brussels, accompanied by Sener Ignacio Bayon, the Industry Minister, for talks with Mr Gaston Thorn, the President of the BEC Commission.

> The purpose of the visit is to find out how Spain's entry negotiations are proceeding in light of the delays caused by the EEC's problems with its agricultural and budget policies. Señor Punset, a convinced European, is anxious to avoid politically damaging delays over Spain's entry, whereas Spanish industrialists, with whom the minister exchanged sharp words last month, do not want nego-tiations to be hurried. They have just completed a detailed study of what EEC entry would

mean for them.

In a policy paper, the contents of which have been leaked to the press, the employers' confederation, the Spanish equiva-lent of the CBI, seems to want to insure itself by a series of safeguard clauses.

a two-day visit for talks with Señor Punset told the con-federation that it was up to the Government to decide upon the Italian Government and an After a working dinner tonight with Signor Arnaldo Forlani, the Prime Minister, the Spain's negotiations with the EEC. The industrialists, many of whom prospered behind the high tariff walls during the two will continue tomorrow their analysis of the inter-national outlook as affected by the new United States adminis-tration. Franco regime, are demanding to be allowed to protect them-selves against any changes,

residents the care and security they need. £2 will put a new tile

caused by EEC entry, which could damage their businesses. According to the working paper, Spain should align its tariff arrangements to take advantage over other EEC countries for a period which should not be less than 10 years.

The industrialists want free movement of Spanish labour to other EEC countries to be syn-chronized with the free movement of capital to Spain from the rest of the EEC. They also want to hold back the introduction of value-added tax.

Today's Cinco Dias, the Madrid financial daily, has criti-cized the industrialists' stand. The paper urges the government, however, to provide Spain with a comprehensive factual study of the expected conse-quences of EEC entry.

This would enable the public to be able to judge not only the industrialists' demands, but also whether the Government was in-sisting on EEC entry as a means to divert attention from home affairs.

industrialists' stand comes just as the country's agri-cultural interests have been carefully scrutinized by a dele-gation from the EEC Economic and Social Advisory Committee. The roles are reversed here, with the EEC representatives expressing concern about the impact that Spanish entry will have on other states. Senor Jaime Lamo Espinosa.

the Agriculture Minister, how-ever, emphasized the natural disadvantages that Spanish agriculture faces. He compared the EEC criticism to Don Quixote seeing giants where there were only windmills."

Bonn minister to seek W Berlin post From Our Correspondent .

Berlin, Jan 22 Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel resigned in Bonn as Federal Minister of Justice today following his nomination last night by a special party congress of the West Berlin Social Democrats as candidate for the post of Chief Burgomaster.

The Social Democrats coalition partners, the Free Democrats, will decide tonight whether to support Herr Vogel in tomorrow's elections.

Last week Herr Dietrich Last week Herr Dietrich Stobbe, the Social Democratic Chief Burgomaster, and all Social Democratic and Free

Correction -

The vegetable mentioned in a French report as best for the manufacture of gasoho! (and a mainstay of the French wartime diet), is the Jerusalem artichoke, not the globe artichoke as stated on January 16.

Democratic senators resigned

OVERSEAS_

Grim picture of maltreatment emerges from experiences of released American hostages

From Patricia Clough Wiesbaden, Jan 22

Released American hostages were telling doctors and officials today how the Iranians kept them manacled to chairs for weeks, forced them to stand for long periods in the cold and kept them in solitary confine-ment for months on end.

Piece by piece, American teams at the United States Air Force hospital in Wiesbaden are putting together a complex pic-ture of the way the 52 hostages were treated during their 444 days in captivity. It varied widely but the treatment of some was far worse than hitherto imagined.

The released hostages who arrived here early vesterday after their 13-hour flight from Tehran, today began a systematic programme of medical examinations, talks and reorientation in preparation for their return home.

They were eagerly using specially prepared video cassettes recounting world events during their captivity, watching their captors had meat and television, reading newspapers their captors had meat and talking by telephone to vegetable.

Several tried to escape remaining their families.

Mr Jack Cannon, the deputy peatedly and were severely pun-

The Russians today accused former President Carter of playing with the fate of the

ostages as an excuse to build

up American forces in the Gulf.
They said the hostages could have been released long ago had the Americans met the legal demands of the Iranian

Soviet press coverage of the bostages' release struck a par-ticularly sour note today, dismissing reports of their ill-

treatment as a hullabalon, accusing the Americans of anti-Iranian hysteria, and suggesting

that the hostages were irrele-trained to the crisis between Washington and Tehran which was the result of American policy in the Gulf and would go on.

A Pravda report from New

York said the western news media, "playing on patriotic sentiments and sympathies for

the hostages, are now busy creating a political halo around Carter and his associates ".

From Michael Binyon

Moscow, Jan 22

people.

Carter build-up in Gulf

comes under Soviet fire

State Department spokesman, said that first talks had shown that many of the hostages had been kept at some time or other in activities. in actual prisons or in cell-like conditions, often compressly

Some had suffered solitary confinement for more than 150 to 170 days, others had been kept blindfolded or handcuffed, and there had been many cases of bearings. Hostages had been threatened with loaded pistols the statement and made the statement. and rifles, and made to strip and lie on the floor.

Many were made to think on several occasions that they were about to be executed. Some were kept handcuffed to folding chairs for about 14 days. Others were forced to stand up in thin clothing for long periods in cold weather, including at night, he said. night, he said.

Food had been poor and scarce. Some bostages had been kept on bread and water for periods of about two weeks, sometimes they had been given warmed up powdered milk or stale, commissary food, while their captors had meat and vegetable.

artificial concern for the security of the oil fields the United States had concentrated

dozens of ships in the region and prepared for the use of

of increasing American military

It is understood that a num-ber of senior Soviet advisers

regarded Soviet encouragement of Iran as short-sighted and un-likely to pay off, but were over-

As part of their so far fruit-less attempt to be seen in Tehran as a firm ally the Rus-

sians today gave another warning that the Americans were

mounting a new campaign against Iran. Tass moved swiftly

to suggest that the Reagan Ad-

be withdrawn.

But Mr Carter's real aims had ministration was about to renege been to use the events in Iran on the Algiers agreement, and and Afghanistan to declare the that American financial circles

Gulf an area of vital import- were trying to block the return ance to American interests, of Iran's wealth.

their captivity they were kept in small groups or in isolation. Some hostages apparently had been well treated but for others. Mr Cannon said, "the picture was very grim".

It was not yet possible to say cult to bear up with, whether there had been any sometimes." doctrination and it was too early to have a picture of the hostages' psychological condi-

Talking to the media for the first time, two of the hostages spoke of their delight at being safe again and of their feelings towards Iran.

Mr arry Rosen, the former press officer at the embassy in Iran, told the NC network; "I just feel that Iran is an outlaw country, and it deserves tremendous condemnation from the world for the treatment of American diplomats." He said he was an Iranian specialist and still loved the Iranian people. Mr Rosen and his com-

panions were wearing Air

developed methods, including given against the chill ermon tapping codes, to communicate winter. He looked tired and with each other. Throughout appeared to have trouble appeared to have trouble expressing himself.

He said he was feeling better after a good night's sleep. "but it is amazing what stress can

egreed not to talk to the press about their experiences for the moment. Mr Bruce German, formerly of the embassys administration section, said that each hostage had his individual stary. "A lot of hostages want through really difficult times."

He said he personally felt that the agreement between the United States and Iran should be looked at.

Air Rosen said he found it difficult to understand the deci-sion to let the late Shah enter the United Staes for medical treatment but after their meeting with Mr Jimmy Carter last night, he "did not want to 20 over that ground again". He added: "I think he did the best he could".

US clears Somalia arms deal and gains port use

From Charles Harrison

Nairobi, Jan 22 Somali Government leaders have been informed that the last obstacles have been cleared for the provision of the military aid promised last year by the United States in return for the use of facilities at Mogadishu and Berbera by United States forces operating in the Indian troops there.

The Russians appear to have realized that their unstituted support for Iran during the hostage crisis has had the effect Ocean. strength in the region, which could now threaten Soviet interests. Moscow has been alarmed by American statements that this force will not

Clearance of the \$40m (£16.6m) military aid package was apparently one of the last acts of the Carter Administra-

The deal had been held up since last August, after protests from Ethiopia and Kenya, which both object to any further arming of Somalia on the ground that this would encour ize Somali aggression against

The military aid is additiona to \$127m American economic aid to Somalia. The United States has insisted that it should be limited to defensive weapons and equipment, in deference to the Ethiopian and Kenvan views.

This includes lorries, antiaircraft guns and radar equip-ment. The United States says it

purposes, but accepts that the result will be to embance the effectiveness of the Somali armed forces at a time when tensioin is increasing in the Horn of Africa.

The Sorlet Union is providing substantial military support to Ethiopia, and the build-up of American aid to Somalia (which is likely to accelerate under the Reagan Administration) raises fears of a new confrontation. The American helicopter car-

rier Tarawa, carrying 2,200 staff on board, including 1,800 Marines is in the Kenyan port of Mombasa for a routine visit which emphasizes the substan-tial American military presence in the Indian Ocean and Gulf areas and the importance of Kenya's agreement to provide supply and other facilities.

The force on board the Tarawa has six Eritish Harrier jump jet aircraft.

The Kenya Government says it is not providing a naval base for the United States—only the same supply facilities that are available to other friendly states. But there is no doubt of the importance of the Mombasa tions be facilities to the United States. results.

Britain ready to meet the Iranians half way

By David Spanier Diplomatic Correspondent

After the release of the American hostages, the British American hostages, the British Government is seeking a return to friendly relations with Iran, it was emphasized yesterday.

Despite the concern for the four British detainees, it is no part of British policy to adopt a threatening attitude."

In a Commons written reply vesterday, Mr Douglas Hurd. Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said Britain wished to "build a good relationship with Iran in the future". Release of the detainess would open the way for this

the way for this.

Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, is hoping that in the improved atmosphere of Euro-pean relations with Iran-signified by the lifting of econo-mic sanctions—the Iranian authorities will now to release the four Britons.

release the four Britons.

Diplomatic pressures will be continued wherever possible, as was seen in the meeting at the Foreign Office with the Iranian Charge d'Affaires in London earlier this week, and in the renewed contacts which the British interests section at the Swedish Embassy is undertak. Swedish Embassy is undertaking in Tehran.

One of the underlying difficulties is that authority in Iran is so fragmented that it takes a long time for decisions to be taken—even though in the case of the four detainees the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envey was assured that the allegations against the missionaries had all been a

If the Iranians want to make a new start—es their Govern-ment has claimed it dee-Britain is ready to meet them Our Religious Affairs Correspondent writes : The Archbishan of Canterbury's quiet and steady prossure to secure the telease of the British detaineds, three of whom are Anglican mission-

of whom are Anglican missionaries, may lead to enother visit
to Tehran by Mr Terry Waits,
who last visited the missionaries,
just after Christmas.

Mr Waite has asked that
Tranian Embassy in Loudon for
another visa, which it is understood is still being considered.
He is a member of the Archibishop's staff with responsibility
for overseas Anglican effairs. for overseas Auglican effairs.

After his return from his lestmissionaries would be released soon. Mr Waite's second visit would appear to be designed to discover why these expecta-tions have not yet produced

Senate inquiry into torture reports | Iran refuses to attend passions have subsided ". Other-

Continued from page 1

examine them for defects or to cancel them if the Iraniana failed to live up to their provi-

On Capitol Hill, there were some barsh words, too, for the Iranians. Mr Howard Baker, the Republican majority leader the Senate, condemned the "brutality, barbarism and pos-sibly even the atrocities" com-mitted by Iran. He called for a full investigation by the Senate foreign relations committee

chance to heal a little, until the

wise the investigation might. miss some of the other important aspects of the whole hostage crisis like the reasons for the original seizure of the American Embassy in Tehrau.

As copies of the new agree-Washington bureaucracy public scrutiny, all sorts of un-expected details are coming to light. Among the various controversial provisions to be implemented by the new Adminisforeign relations committee plemented by the new Adminis-into the treatment of the tration is a presidential order former hostages.

But, he said, the investiga-tion should wait for a few days from spring Iran for injuries a until the wounds have had a resulting from their imprison-

Other points to be completed by Mr Reagan include legal measures to nullify nearly 400 pending law suits in American courts, in which damages of about 53,000m are being sought from Iran; and arrangements for freezing the asset in the United States of the late Shah and members of his family:

The legality of the documents signed by Mr Carter has been given strong support by a federal judge in Washington. Judge Gerhard Gesell ruled late yesterday that the President's constitutional right to conclude an executive agreement with Iran was "beyond: question". He based his ruling on a 1942. Supreme Court decision.

Islamic summit talks Tehran, Jan 22.—Mr Behzad to persuade Iran to attend the Nabavi, Iran's State Minister Summit.

for Executive Affairs, today reaffirmed that his country would not take part in the Islamic Conference summit due to begin on Sunday in Saudi Arabia.

He said on Tehran radio that his Government would not attend a meeting which included President Saddam Husain of Iraq.
Mr Habib Chatti,

He would be accompanied by the foreign ministers of

Turkey, Pakistan and Guinea. by Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, and King Khalid of Saudi Arabia, who is expected to launch a call for Islamic unity.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry secretary general of the has branded as "insulting" and Islamic Conference said in "threatening Soviet protests Taif, in Saudi Arabia, that he over the attack by Alghan was flying to Tehran today at exiles on the Soviet Embassy the head of a mission to try in Tehran on December 27.

Anger at barter scheme to enlarge Israel settlements

From Christopher Walker Jerusalem, Jan 22

A political storm is growing in Israel over a report that the Government has been negotiating a deal with three private contracting companies in order to accelerate the expansion of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories before July's scheduled general election. According to the report, first broadcast by Israel's state controlled Hebrew radio, three Israeli firms were to be given state land in the centre of Jersualem to build luxury flats in exchange for agreeing to construct permanent new houses'in some of the settlements free

of charge The radio report claimed than the barter scheme had been discussed between Mr Ariel Sharon, the Agriculture Minister who has responsibility for ster who has responsionary for expanding settlements and Mr Yigael. Harwitz, the former Finance Minister who resigned last week. Mr. Hurwitz was one of the Cabinet's leading hawks before his resignation.

Tonight, the exact status of the controversial scheme was unclear. A spokesman for unclear. A spokesman for Israel's Housing Ministry denied any knowledge of it, claiming later to have been told that it was only an "idea".

Two of the building companies named on the radio refused to confirm or deny the report when questioned by journalists.

The disclosure came at a The disclosure came at a claims time when Mr Sharon has purpose.

From Moshe Brilliant

The building where British

detectives 39 years ago shot and killed Abraham Stern, leader of the anti-British terrorist organ-

the anti-prinsh terrorist organ-ization that bore his name, was taken over today by the Israel Government and is to become a museum honouring the organiz-ation; called the "fighters for the freedom of Israel".

At a brief ceremony, Mr Menachem Begin, in his capacity as Defence Minister,

accepted title to the structure

Tel Aviv, Jan 22

Museum honours Stern

pledged to bolster the 85 existing settlements in a deliberate effort to sabotage any chance of their being dismantled or negotiated away by a future Labour Government. The oppo-sition Labour Party has a much more flexible attitude to the West Bank and is committed in its election programme to attempting to achieve a territorial compromise with Jordan.

a furore among moderate Israeli politicians, many of whom are already deeply resent-ful of Mr Sharon's support for the extreme Jewish nationalist group, Gush Emunim (Block of the Faithful) Mr Mordechai Vershubsky a leading member of the Shinui Centre Party tabled a Knesset motion calling for an urgent debate.

The report of the plan caused

Mr Sharon's scheme was also strongly criticized by Mr Teddy Kollek, the Mayor of Jerusalem, who dismissed it as "inwho districted in the credible in the credible

Already, in the past week, the Cabinet has approved the establishment of two new Jewish settlements in the West Bank. Permission for another three—all situated near centres of dense Arab population—is expected to be granted by the Knesser's foreign affairs and Knesser's foreign affairs and defence committee next Mon-

day.
Professor Yadin, the deputy
Prime Minister, has opposed the
three settlements, which he claims will serve no strategic

and described Stern as "one of the greatest freedom fighters in the annals of Israel".

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, now Foreign Minister, said the roof-top in shabby Tel Aviv area where Stern was trapped and killed had been most unsuitable for a hideout but Stern had had

no alternative because he had

been isolated and hounded not only by the British but by "his Jewish brethren on whose be-half he had fought".

Mr Shamir was one of the triumvirate which took over

after Stern's death.

Saudis urge US to abandon treaty

From Robert Fisk
Beirus, Jan 22
Scarcely twenty-four hours
after Mr Reagan's presidential
inauguration, the new American Administration has received its first advice from the Saudis
—to abandon the Camp David

threatened a holy war over Jerusalem, but he also tentatively offered to forgive Presi-dent Sadat of Egypt if he re-neged on the Camp David

But in an article in the news-paper al-Madina, the first that prince is believed to have writ-

Strikes halt the Zambian copper industry

Lusaka, Jan 22.—The Zambian copper industry was virtually halted today by strikes in the two state-controlled mining firms that provide the country with most of its foreign exchange earnings.

Nchanga spokesman said no copper would be produced until a return to work by 56,000 members of the Mineworkers' Union of Zambia. Spokesmen for both companies said mion staff designated as essential and 3,700 non-union expatriates were still working—Reuter.

peace treaty.

In a long newspaper article
and in an interview with a
Saudi magazine, Crown Prince
Fahd bin Abdul Aziz once again

The prince, in his interview with the magazine iraga, said that he hoped Mr Reagan's inauguration would "uther a'new spirit into the Middle East to save the area which can explode

Relations with the United States, he said, were based on "friendship, mutual interests and respect."

ten for a publication, he ques-tioned the moderate role which

Exchange earnings.

Roan Consolidated Mines, the Koan Consolidated Mines, the smaller of the two companies, said tonight that only its tiny Kalengwa mine in the northwest, well away from the main centres of the dispute in the Copperbelt, remained active. The other company, Nchanga Consolidated Copper Mines. Consolidated Copper Mines, said the situation on the Copperbelt had spread to all Nchanga and Roan divisions. A

[the Israeli annexation of Arab territory] the West's under-standing of a just peace? What-ever happened to that illusive peace which they thought they had achieved in Camp David?" holy places.

Prince Fahd was issuing his warnings three days before the third Islamic Conference meeting opens in the holy city of Mecca and this event, coinciding in Saudi eyes with an Islamic cultural and religious revival, will provide Arab delegates with their first opportunity to present the new Americans can Government with a unified opposition to Camp David and the Israeli occupation of the West Bank.

There is in fact unlikely to be any such collective policy, especially when two of the Arab leaders expected to attend the summit—President Rusain of Iraq and King Husain of Jor-dan—regard a third leader, President Assad of Syria, as little more than a lackey of

Sandi Arabia, have adopted.

What has moderation achieved? he asked. Is this role now as more than just that role now as more than just that of nominal guardians of Islam's

At one point in his newspape article, the prince said that "a long and relentless Jihad (holy war) is the only reply to the Zionist racist arrogance", and that all talk of peace had become "an illusion". But this "Jihad" is still more an expression of political struggle than percential military confirm. than potential military conflict, a point which the Islamic summit is likely to emphasize

The Saudis still believe that the most serious schism in Arab ranks—outside the mutual suspicion of Iraq. Jordan and Syria—is represented by Egypt's participation in Camp David. In an obvious reference to

Mr Sadat, the Prince suggested that the Egyptians could still repent their ways. He appealed to "those who continue to be on (Palestinian) autonomy in take a brave position, to admit their failure and to abandon Iran. what has happened and what b.
But the Saudis, who generally happening now ".

BBC team warned off Story of Bihar blindings From Trevor Fishlock Dethi, Jan 22 A BBC television news team Mr J. N. Dixir, a gov. Mr J. N. Dixir, a gov. Mr J. N. Dixir, a gov.

was advised by the Indian.
Government today not to film
a report on the blinding by
police offices of men held in custody in the northern state

of Bihar.
The team's plan to make a television report on the blind-ings touches a sensitive spot in India. More than 30 men were blinded with weaving needles, bicycle spokes and acid, and the disclosure of these mutilations, almost two months ago, came as a shock to many Indians.

The BBC Newsnight team is in India to make films on a number of subjects, one of them the Bihar blindings. But the blindings were first disclosed at the end of November, and the Indian Government feels that coverage of the atrocities

in the western press has been adequate to say the least.

Mr J. N. Dixit, a government spokesman, said today: "This is not censorship. Every government has a certain distretionary right to determine howits country will be projected abroad. "We have not for bidden the BBC to go to Bihart to do this story. The team can to do this story. The team can-go where it likes and shoot what it likes." ITN coverage : In London it was

believed that the BBC team, which is continuing to film in India, will wait a couple of days to let the heat die down and then try again.

Independent Television News carried a three-minute item on the blindings in its main bulled in on December 15 when a superior of the supe

reporter was shown interviewpolice officers. ITN was at the time covering the visit to India by the Prince of Wales.

If Jean is to have a roof over her head -we need all the help we can get

The British Home and Hospital for Incurables receives no State aid. Nevertheless, for over 100 years it has provided specialist care and attention for patients with progressive and incurable Now not only are running costs



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Party split

may cause

S Africa

election.

seats.

From Nicholas Ashford Johannesburg, Jan 22

early poll in

The 1981 session of the South African Parliament begins in Cape Town tomorrow amid renewed speculation that Mr. Pieter Botha, the Prime Minister, may call an early election.

A general election is not due to be held until late next year

but several reasons are being given why Mr Botha may call one earlier. Most important is

the fact that no less than 22 parliamentary by-elections and four provincial ones are due to be held shortly.

Such a large number of by-elections has been brought

about by the transfer of a number of National Party MPs

number of National Party MPs to the new President's Council and by last August's cabinet reshuffle. At present a number of prominent ministers, among them General Magnus Malan, Minister of Defence, Professor Gerrit Viljoen, Minister of National (white) Education and Dr Dawie De Villiers, Minister of Industries and Commerce.

of Industries and Commerce, are without parliamentary

Another reason why Mr Botha may choose to hold an

Both a may choose to hold an early poll is the continued in-fighting within his party be-tween his verligte (liberal) sup-porters and the powerful right-wing (verkrampte) faction led by Dr Andries Treumicht, Minister of State Administra-

tion and party leader in the Transvaal.

A general election would, it is believed, have the effect of uniting the party behind Mr Botha, and the inevitable National Party victory would

be seen as a vote of confidence in his policies.

A third reason is Namibia (South-West Africa) where settlement moves have been stalled after the failure of the United Maxing conference on

United Nations conference on the territory in Geneva earlier

this month.
It is widely believed that
South Africa will not make any

further moves towards grant-ing the territory independence until Mr Botha has been re-turned to power and is in a

stronger position to take on his

own right-wing.

But whether Mr Botha decides to call an early election or not, there can be no doubting that

the forthcoming session will be

one of the most important in post-war South African history as it will be a test of the Prime Minister's avowedly reformist

Mr Botha's verligte suppor-

ters argue that the Prime Minister's failure so far to in-

troduce meaningful change as far as the country's "non-white"

majority is concerned has been due to the stiff resistance to

from the powerful verkrampte group in the National Party

The verligic-verkrampte con-

is likely to occur over the Government's proposals for the nation's two million Coloureds

(people of mixed race). "The Coloured issue," remarked one

commentator today, "could split the party from top to

For some months now Mr. Botha and his ministers have been dropping heavy hints that the Government intends to res-

tore the vore to the Coloureds
—a vote which was progressively taken away from them
by earlier Nationalist Govern-

ments. The vehicle for putting forward proposals on the Coloureds franchise is to bo

the new, tri-racial President's Council which is due to start

sitting on February 3.
At present the Coloureds

have no political representa-tion at all, the former represen-tative council having been scrapped by the Government

over a year ago. It is now being

suggested, however, that Coloureds should be represen-

ted in the white Parliament but on a separate voters' roll.

Such a proposal would be dynamite as far as National

Party right-wingers are con-cerned.

Apart from the Coloured question there are a number of other issues to come before

Parliament which will test Mr

Botha's true intentions and

could pose a heavy strain on

Most observers agree that the real conflict this session will

not be between government and opposition but within the National Party itself.

National Party unity.

-if thère is to be on

Strikes sweep across Poland in support of work-free Saturdays

Warsaw, Jan 22.—Hundreds bus drivers threatened to stop of thousands of Polish workers work for four hours. Unless a staged strikes across the councempromise was negotiated, try today in protest against Government refusal to compromise over the issue of work-free Saturdays.

Solidarity, the independent labour organization, said factory workers, bus drivers and office employees stopped work for between one and four hours in at least 10 cities. The strikes hit the Baltic seaport of Gdansk, the industrial city of Poznan, the copper-mining basin of Legnica, Czestochowa, Kielce, Radom and other cities, accord-ing to Solidarity officials.

There were unconfirmed reports that farmers, campaigning for the right to set up their own Rural Solidarity, had tried to block roads with tractors near the strike-hit city of Bydgoszcz. The strike wave, which was bigger than predicted, began after six hours of talks last night in which the Government and Solidarity negotiators failed to settle their differences over the number of work-free Satur-

The union delegation, led by Mr Lech Walesa, had offered Mr Jozef Pinkowski, the Prime Minister, a compromise on the

Solidarity said in a statement issued today that it had proposed that Poles would work on at least one Saturday a manth. The Government has ordered work on two Saturdays each month, despite promises to strikers last summer that it would introduce a five-day

"In proposing a compromise, Solidarity was seeking every possible way to solve the con-"By rejecting the proposals, the Government has taken upon itself the responsibility for the

Further strike action was planned in other cities tomorrow, including Warsaw, where some 40 factories and municipal compromise was negotiated, millions of Poles were expected to stay away from their jobs on Saturday for the second time

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The Government and Solidarity agreed in principle to hold further talks on the issue of free Saturdays and on many outstanding problems which are increasingly souring their rela-

These included failure by the authorities to promulgate a law relaxing censorship, continued detention of dissidents, refusal to grant Solidarity access to radio and television and the question of meat and butter

The strikes across the country today were also partly in protest against delays in esolving these issues.

appears to have decided on a new, tough line with the fourmonth-old free trade union movement, issued its own statement on last night's talks reiterating that Poland could not afford to stop work every

Poland's national newspapers will no longer publish on Saturdays with the exception of Trybuna Ludu, the Communist Party daily, and the newspaper Zucie Warszauty, it was

announced today.

The measure, described as "temporary", was being introduced as a result of "production interruptions and paper shortages", according to Zucie

Warszawy. Meanwhile, Meanwhile, some 2,000 prisoners have gone on hunger strike at a jail near Warsaw, saying that they want as much food as police dogs, KOR, the dissident Self-Defence Committee, said. The strike at Bialoleka Dworska prison began three days ago and the prisoners were demanding the same treatment as the dogs. same treatment as the dogs.— Reuter and Agence France-

Rural Solidarity plots its peaceful revolution

From Timothy Garton Ash

Rzeszow, Poland, Jan 22 When workers occupied the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk last August, they kept their bust of Lenin in their assembly hall. Lenin now stands with his face

to the wall and a broken nose. Here in Rzeszow, peasants demanding the national registration of the rural counterpart to Solidarity, the workers' independent trade union organiza-tion, have replaced him with an

altar.

Rehind the altar the assembly hall of the former state trade union headquarters in this traditional centre of peasant radicalism is decorated with pictures of the Pope and the Black Madonna of Jasna Gora, papal and national flags, and a six foot

and national flags, and a six foot cardboard copy of the Gdansk monument to the workers killed by police in December, 1970.

On this extraordinary stage a priest administers daily the sacrament to the 300 farmers and workers who have been occupying the building since the beginning of the year.

Be not downcast the priest admonishes them. "The whole nation is behind you. The disturbance to the economy caused by your strike is nothing compared to the damage it has suffered under the Communists

suffered under the Communists since 1945. Right will prevail."
At the side of the stage another priest hears the strikers confessions even

though there can be few sins to confess within these walls. The discipline of the farmers occupying the building is per-fect. Alcohol is strictly for-bidden. One lives by tea alone. Even the use of a swear word

is punished by a 2 zloty fine.
Ample food—sausage, potatnes, nome-made bread—is supplied by farmers from the surrounding countryside. An excellent public address system, the "strike radio station", broadcasts regular communiques from Solidarity branches all over Poland, news summaries, lectures about agricultural law in Sweden, and a strangely moving poem—an appeal to Mary, Queen of Poland—written and recited by a peasant.
Such is the security organized

by the strike committee that a visitor's identity is checked five visitor's identity is checked five Rzeszow is the peasants' Lenin times between the entrance and shipyard.

After leaving the White House, Dr Zbigniew Brzezinski has begun a process of re-

thinking about past achievements and failures which will lead in due time to a book. He

personality and a controversial figure in Washington (mostly

tary of State) does not hide

From Arrigo Levi Washington

are set out in a duplicated threepage document which emerged after several days of heated discussion. Its wording is in places unmistakably the peas-

the return of land requisitioned by the state for cooperative farms, decollectivization, the right to buy, sell and inherit private land without restriction, in local government. It all

Ιf these demands granted it would end the com-munist Party's monopoly of power outside the towns, and, in the longer term, lead to the development of large-scale, commercial private farming.

Private farms already account for 80 per cent of Poland's agricultural land, and 95 per cent of its domestic food

tion of Rural Solidarity on the same day that the Polish Pope gave it his blessing from Rome. On Tuesday, the national committee of Solidarity meeting in Goansk, passed a resolution declaring January 28 a day of national solidarity with the

leader of Solidarity promised the Rzeszow the end of the week.

movement of workers on the land must be even harder for Mr Kania—himself the son of

In the holiday amosphere of the occupied building everyone is confident of victory. Yet an independent national

Their revolutionary demands

They are not merely demand-ing the registration of Rural Solidarity but they are seeking

peaceful revolution in the Polish countryside. granted it would end the Com-

It is not surprising that Mr

a peasant from this part of Poland—and his Soviet protec-

such people in a public speech as "strangers" and "foreigners", while mentioning such officials as the Borno state Chief Justice, the Attorney-General and the Chief Secreing that it was improper for such non-Borno people to occupy high state offices.

This underlines how, despite attempts over a decade to weld more than 200 tribes into one Nigerian nation, the preservation of unity remains at the top of this country's concerns.

Stanislaw Kania, the Communist Party leader, came out very strongly against the registranational solidarity with the

This unprecedented alliance of workers and peasants gives rural Solidarity its formidable strength. Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity, has ship that he will be here before

tors to swallow than the one the factory and city workers established last autumn.



wife Nancy pose for an official family portrait. From left standing are Geoffrey Davies, Dennis

to Nigerian unity

By Karan Thapar Lagos, Jan 22

In a virulent controversy springing from the tribal and ethnic divisions that have beset Nigeria since independence, President Shagari is under pressure to disown statements by one of his ministers who has

one of this ministers with his publicly criticized the governor of Borpo state for employing people of outside origin in sen-sitive judicial and Cabinet

posts.

Malam Adamu Ciroma, the
Minister of Industries, is
reported to have referred to

tary.
The minister is quoted as say-

At the same time, the divi-sions are often provoked by the process of politics itself in

Nigeria. The politicians in ment.

of his ministers who has

Tribal quarrel threat

(grandson), Neil Reagan (brother), Richard Davis and Ron Reagan (son). Seated from left

Colleen Reagan, Bess Reagan, Patricia Davis Patti Davis (daughter) and Doria Reagan.

Aid agencies criticized for 'helping the occupier'

Kite-flyer from Bangkok turns into the hawk against Vietnam

From David Watts Bangkok, Jan 22

What happens in the 19 states of the federation is another matter. Unperturbed by the fury around him, Malam Ciroma has maintained his position and New diplomatic and commercial pressure should be put on Vietnam to force it to come to the conference table over The issue is a clear example of the entrenched ethnic and tribal divisions that slice through Nigerian society and politics and that led, 14 years Rampuchea. Squadron Leader Prasong Soonsiri, the chairman of the National Security Council of Thailand told *The Times* in an interview.

The West and concerned Asian countries should restrict even further the activities of Soviet block diplomats, he said, in the same way that foreign diplomats were constrained in

The Squadron-Leader, one the most outspoken figures in That politics, said Singapore should take a lead in culting back trading and other relations with Vietnam and other socialist

countries.

Emphasizing that he was not speaking for the Thai Govern-ment he said: "If Singapore only chants that it does not want the Vietnamese in Kampuches bur trades with these people it can do nothing. Singa-

that the Vietnamese are in. Singapore knows the situation in the Soviet Union. It should use those situations to do something instead of just talking."
Squadron-Leader Prasong, is occasionally employed in the role of kite-flying and of saying things that other Thai govern-

ment figures cannot say
A thin, intense, schoolmasterlike figure whose soft voice
belies his hawkish reputation,
he is, in part, expressing the continuing frustration that the Thais feel at the lack of effective solidarity among the countries opposed to Vietnam's

involvement in Kamputhea in comparison with the apparent unity of the socialist countries of Indo-China and the Soviet

Singapore's two-way trade with Hanoi in 1979 was modest at £30,121-but as Singapore is the most vocal anti-communist state in the region the Squad-ron-Leader plainly feels that deeds, however modest, should match words. It does considerable trade with the Soviet

to the role played by certain agencies, both United Nations and voluntary, in supplying de-velopment aid to a country under occupation by a foreign power. In the view of much of South-East Asia this is effec-tively strengthening the hand of

ing between the Thai and Kampuchean capitals but Squadron-Leader Prasong has laid down stricter rules which prevent the flights being used for anything

talking about a humanitarian

taiking about a numanitarian policy when they are helping an occupying regime which they don't even officially recognize. How come they don't respect their own charter?" Frustration with the United Nations, dates from the visits paid to Hanoi, and Bangkok last summer by Dr Kurt Waldheim, the Secretary-General, during which a distinct parduring which a distinct partiality for the Vietnamese

the occupier.

Bangkok has not gone as far as preventing relief flights ply-

for anything other than humanitarian purposes. He explained: "I don't like to hear the United Nations

Nigeria dissatisfied with Chad President's visit

From Our Correspondent Lagos, Jan 22

The Nigerian Government is not satisfied with the outcome of last week's visit to Lagos by of last week's visit to Lagos by President Goukoumi Oueddei of Chad. The Nigerians had hoped that he would endorse the communique of the Togo summit of the 13 African heads of state, calling for an immediate withdrawal of Libyan troops, from Chad, an early endorse in April and meet in the control of the c election in April and, most important of all, for the proposed merger between Libya and Chad to be made null and void. But President Ouddei, al-though giving a clear impres-sion of wanting Nigerian belp to strengthen his position against Libya, did not agree to the Nigerian terms.

Initially he balked at the proposal of a peacekeeping force comprising troops from Togo, Guinea, Benin and Congo to be sent to Chad. He asked for a wholly Nigerian force instead. However, President Shagari of Nigeria was not prepared to go into Chad alone. As a compromise, he suggested an African peacekeeping force including Nigeria beside the other

Nigerian troops, as part of a peacekeeping force, would support his Government in the event of any resurgence of factional violence in Chad, a task now performed by the Libyan Army. The Nigerians also promised to finance the rebuilding and recovery of the country.

their need to win votes some-times exacerbate ethnic divi-

has issued a repeat version.

ago, to a bitter civil war over the secession of the eastern Ibos as the short-lived republic of Biafra.

Then, as now, there were allegations of northern Hausa

domination. Then, as now, opposed personalities easily convert politics into a convenient medium for regional

Although, as a consequence of the civil war, the new fed-

eral constitution contains an unequivocal clause demanding the "reflection of the federal

character in all spheres of gov-ernment activity", this policy designed to ensure equal repre-sentation to all tribes and

groups in government offices

and state companies is heeded

animosities.

However, President Oueddei was not willing to return to ask the Libyans to leave. And, while maintaining that he had been forced to sign the merger agreement, he was unwilling to repudiate it. All that he appar-ently offered was to consult Colone: Gaddali, and then reply to the Nigerian proposals. This has left the Nigerian

side, according to a senior official wondering whether Mr. Oueddei is being serious in pleading his inability to act. Salisbury call: A Libyan envoy met Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, today to allay fears about the proposed merger (our Salisbury Correspondent writes).

Mr Abdul Ati Elobeidi, who identified himself as Secretary of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison, said he had already visited Ethiopia, Ethiopia, Madagascar, President Shagari is said to Mozambique, Me have assured Mr Oueddei that Rwanda and Burundi.

Australian **Buddhist nun**

From Our Correspondent Bangkok, Jan 22

The Kampuchean authorities in Phnom Penh yesterday re leased Miss Margaret McIl-wraith, an Australian woman after holding her in custody for six weeks on a charge of illegally entering the country.

Miss McIlwraith, aged 29, who describes herself as a Buddhist nun, walked from Thailand into Kampuchea intending to contact Buddhist groups working for peace. After representations from the Australian Government, officials in Phnom Penh said

they would not proceed with the charge. She was released into the

custody of a diplomat from the Australian Embassy in Hanoi and was flown today to Bangkok where she boarded a flight for Sydney.

Dissidents barred

Moscow, Jan 22.—Vasily Aksyonov, Lev Kopelev and his wife Reisa Orlova, three dissident Soviet writers now living in the West, have been stripped of their critzenship, reliable

Kampuchea frees Seoul leader is first to get Reagan invitation

From Jacqueline Reditt

announcement.

The South Korean President will be the first head of state to pay an official visit to President Reagan and the invitation, extended just 26 hours after Mr Reagan's inauguration, will be interpreted as United States approval of Mr Chun's rise to power and support for him in the furthcoming presidential

sized the need to develop "a mature and intimate partner-ship" between South Korea and the United States. Mr Reagan's invitation appears to be a token of his agreement and is also seen as a guarantee that the 39,000 American troops based in the country will not be

reduced.

Relations between the two countries has been strained on several occasions during Mr Carter's term of office. While campaigning for the presidency, Mr Carter threatened to reduce the number of United States troops in South Korea. Last May, when martial law was extended under President

was extended under President Chun's command, Washington expressed concern and when Mr Kim Dae-Jung, South Korea's leading dissident, was condemned to death, American criticism became vehement. At one point the United States Embassy in Seoul, disturbed by the fact that its Government's views were being censored from the local press, resorted to the local press, resorted to mailing newsletters to all Americans registered with the embassy.

The visit to Washington will

enhance President Chun's prestige at home as he prepares for next month's presidential

President Ronald Reagan has invited President Chun Doo Hwan, of South Korea to visit Washington for talks February 2. President Chun, accompanied

by his wife, will leave Seoul on January 28 for a nine-day visit of the United States. The talks are intended to give the two presidents the opportunity to discuss political,

economic, defence and security links between their countries, as well as other regional affairs relating to North-East Asia according to the official

In addition, a Government source said, they seek to change the "inconvenient relations" between the two countries during the 1970s.

elections.

In his new year policy statement, President Chun empha-

Amin police chief | Peking's Palace of Harmony and

quake in 1976, the temple is

in a single trunk of sandalwood brought from Tiber-Agence France-Presse.

Tribesmen cut up Christians

and wounding five others wounded by arrows and cut up

Peking, Jan 22.—The Lama Temple, one of Peking's most

precious monuments, was opened to reporters today in advance of its reopening to the public after 15 years.

undergoing repair work expected to last until next year. As with several other monu-China, the intensive use of garish pain partly spoils the beauty of the temple built in 1694 and known as the Palace of Harmony and Peace. Some pavilions have, however, been kept in their original state, including a room containing a 90ft statue of Buddha carved

Combato, Philippines, Jan 22. seriously. About 270 Christian Primitive tribesmen armed families were evacuated.

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past disagreements, which may help to explain some of the failures of the Carter years. Dr Brzezinski's main regrets probably concern 1978. Then, he says, after Soviet advisers and Cuban forces intervened in Ethiopia and there were pro-Soviet coups in South Yemen Afghanistan, America should have done two things. "It should have taken military steps in the area near Saudi Arabia (as it did in 1980 after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan), but it should also have engaged the Soviet Union in

1978 'a year of regrets' for controversial Carter aide

including a better definition of the principles of reciprocity and restraint."

Why was this not done? "I think " Dr Brzezinski explains, "for two reasons. One, the country was still shaken by the country was still shaken by the country was still shaken by the Vietnam war and was not ready to face the new power realities and the new power dilemmas.

will write it, just as Dr Henry Kissinger did, at the George-town University Center for Strategic Studies in Washington. there was in the Administration the same time give up uni-"Zbig", a highly articulate a viewpoint that one had to pro-political thinker, an aggressive tect the Salt 2 treaty, against a tect the Sair 2 treaty, against a demand for 'linkage', and that bringing to a head the Ethiopian and other questions due to his clashes with Mr would have damaged the per-spectives for Salt 2." Cyrus Vance, the former Secre-

"My point of view at the time," Dr Brzezinski says, "was that linkage was a political fact and that if we did not react (to Soviet expansionist moves) the American public would have become disenchanted with Salt and with détente, while the Soviets would have become bolder within détente. I felt that, in order to create a condition of stability in Soviet-American relations, it was necessary to establish certain rules

for reciprocal restraint. "I said at the time: 'Let us strategicielly. Theirs was more discussions concerning the push arms' control, and let us of a legalistic approach, one nature and rules of detente, at the same time react to issue at a time.

views at the State Department, that we could not ignore what the Russians were doing in "The second reason was that Ethiopia and elsewhere, and at laterally an improvement of our relations with China. The Russians had not shown any restraint: Why should we have been more sensitive in our actions?"

But did not this attitude give the Russians a feeling that there could be a "free for all"? Why did nor America start a general discussion with the Russians on the rules of detente?

"This", Dr Brzezinski says,
"raises the question of the negotiating style and approach. The negotiating style and approach of those who actually conducted negotiations the Soviets (at the State Department) was a different one. They tended to concenwate on specific issues: There was no inclination to think

"The only exception," Dr Brzezinski reminisces, "was when Mr Carter himself engaged in a broad review of Soviet-American relations with Mr Brezhnev at the Vienna summit." However, this had no follow-up, and six months later the Russians invaded Afghani-ttan. Could a different American approach, as Dr Brzezinski defines it today, made up of stronger reactions but more strategic negociations, have influenced and changed Russian behaviour?

Dr Brzezioski answers: "It difficult to judge: Maybe, to degree, it could. But the Soviets were in a very upbeat mood, they were very self-confident-both because of their newly acquired military power and because of the American experience in, and reaction to

"Perhaps at was anevitable that we would have gone through such a phase of a deeply assertive Soviet policy. In the last two years of the Carter Administration. American foreign policy and Mr Carter stiffened, and the Russians maybe came to ask themselves whether they had not gone too far."

the Carter years, Dr Brzezinski lists: the normalization of relations with China; the modernization of America's strategic doctrine and the rapid deployment force; the definition of a policy siming at a regional security framework in the Gulf area, reversing a tendency to American with drawal from the area.

Looking to the future and decliming any direct comment.

on President Reagan's foreign policy, Dr Brzezinski says:

"The future will mostly depend on what the West will do. The West has an obligation to try to convince the Soviets that there should be a more balanced détente, with an acceptance of reciprocal restraint, and that in this context there is a possibility of movement towards arms control. The West must also become stronger, particularly in the

Gulf area.
"If we become stronger, but keep open a negotiating option to the Soviets, then the Soviets may come to see the advantages of a policy of mutual restraint. So, we must follow a double policy."

sentenced to death in Uganda | Peace reopens From Our Correspondent

A Ugandan High Court judge today sentenced Kassim Obura, who was Commissioner of Police during the Amin regime, to death for shooting a prisoner in Kampala in 1973.

The sentence was passed in a heavily-guarded court. Mr

Obura has the right of appeal. A witness testified that the defendant had shot a man at the notorious Public Safety Unit Headquarters on the Kampala outskirts. Mr Obura is the first Amin official to be sentenced for such a crime. Several other former Amin officials are in jail awaiting trial. They include Mr Bob Astles, a Briton who headed former President Amin's anti-

smuggling unit

with knives and bows and. The authorities said that arrows attacked a remote about 30 tribes were in the Christian settlement near here attack on the settlement of on Tuesday killing four people Lebak. Their victims were first

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Rangeon, Burma.

FOREIGN REPORT

Frustrations of talks on disarmament

A decision of very great impor-tance for future relations between Washington and Moscow, and indeed the welfare of the international community as a whole, faces President Reagan's Administration on taking office: how to proceed on Salt—the strategic arms

limitation talks.

These talks, which deal with the most awesome and terrifying weapons of mass destruction ever invented, intercontinuously missiles are stalled. nental missiles, are stalled. This is serious enough in itself. But what makes the outlook more gloomy for the general hopes of disarmament is that Salt has a decisive influence on all the other disarmament negonations, proceeding at lower

In fact, talks on disarmament do go on the whole time, though usually with such glacier-like slowness that they attract little public notice. Britain is one of those countries now making a december of the set disagree of the s determined effort to get dis-armament talks moving again. armament racks moving again.
As Lord Carrington put it recently, he recognized the frustrations "that the diplomatic dance goes on yet nothing gets done".

Although it is the controversy over Britain's nuclear role which has made disarmament a live political issue again. for about four-fifths of world

If nuclear disarmament were, by some miracle, agreed by all the parties concerned, it would leave West Europe confronted by the massive conven-tional forces of the Warsaw Pact. This would be bound to have a very destabilizing effect on the military balance in Europe and increase the risk of conflict. The Iran-Iraq war has demonstrated, if it were neces-sary to do so again, that many thousands of casualties are caused through fighting with conventional weapons. The following is a guide to the current state of disarma-

ment negotiations:—

The present Greek Govern-ment committed as it is to the broader concepts of Western

defence, is now willing to guarantee a continued Ameri-

One, that the United States

should help to preserve the balance of power between

A senior Greek diplomat,

These will be, broadly speak-

in Athens next Tuesday to hammer out a revision of the original United States-Greek

original United States-Greek military bases agreement of

1953-a year when Greece was still virtually an American pro-

can military presence Greece-on two conditions.

of sovereignty.

tectorate.

ted States and the Soviet Union (Salt 2) stalled pend-ing decision by the new American Administration.

In the presidential election campaign, Mr Reagan insisted that a further phase of negotiation would be needed, if a Republican Administration were Republican Administration were to endorse Salt 2. Since then, the impression has been fostered that, despite campaign rhetoric, what the new Administration really wants is to secure "a balanced and equitable agreement". Moscow has also sounded as if it wished to be cooperative in dealing with the new President. Salt 2, however, is dead as negotiated.

TNF: Theatre Nuclear Forces talks between the United States and Soviet Union, relating to Europe. First meeting held in Geneva in October, 1980; resumption delayed pending inauguration of new American Administration.

TNF discussions, though bilateral, directly concern the European powers over whose European powers over whose territory such weapons—medium-range, land-based missiles—are deployed. These missiles are not "strategic", in the sense that with a range of 2.500 miles they cannot reach the United States. But the SS20s based in the Soviet Union do correr any target in West cover any target in West Europe.

The essence of these negotiations, as conceived by the Western alliance, is to reach agreement on equal ceilings on United States and Soviet theatre nuclear forces—in Britain, this has turned into an argument about cruise missiles versus Soviet SS20s, but some experts think this is the wrong equation because the Russians have many other theatre weapons, such as the backfire bomber.

The British view is that all experience shows that arms control agreements can be achieved only if the two sides start roughly from the same level. The imbalance is increasing startly as the Soviet Union SALT: Strategic Arms Limita-tion Talks between the Uni-extends deployment of its SS20

YUGOSLAVIA

missiles, which was why Nato decided in 1979 to modernize its long-range TNF.

in sharp contrast the unilateralist disarmament lobby believes that Britain should "refuse the cruise", due to be deployed by the end of 1983. The pace of TNF negotiations thereafte in the first place of depends in the first place on progress in Salt. CTB: Comprehensive Test Ban

negotiations between the United States, Soviet Union United States, Soviet Union and Britain, begun in 1977, held in Geneva, date of resumption to be agreed when the new United States Administration takes over. The attempt to work out a Comprehensive Test Ban on nuclear weapons is designed to curb the development of nuclear warheads. The three teams of experts have been marking time in Geneva because of the impasse on Salt; neither France nor China is prepared to join in these talks but, if the rest of the world would subscribe to the ban, it would prevent further spread of nuclear weapons.

weapons. MBFR: Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions talks, begun in 1972, involve 19 Nato and Warsaw Pact members, meeting in Vienna. Little progress in 1980, but talks are due to resume this month.

The object of MBFR is to

negotiate force reductions in the central European area, the central European area, which has always been regarded as a danger spot. So far it has not proved possible to confirm the actual size of the Warsaw Pact forces. Although both sides accept the principle of reducing ground forces to a common ceiling of 700,000 on each side, the West claims a discrepancy of 150,000 in the Eastern block's statement of its strength. strength.

Accordingly, the West made a proposal in December, 1979, that, as a first step, the United States and the Soviet Union should pull back troops. The Eastern block responded with its own proposals at the end of last respect but also difficulties of last year, but the difficulties of

CSCE: Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, involving 35 countries throughout Europe plus North America, currently meeting in Madrid to review progress. The review, though concerned with détente as a whole, also touches on military matters. France, on behalf of the West,

has introduced new proposals for confidence-building measures—to extend from the Atlantic to the Urals—in a European Disarmament Conference (CDE). Moscow is against any reconditions. D: The Committee on Disarm

ament, operating independ-ently, but under the auspices of the United Nations in Geneva, has 40 members: 10 Western, eight Soviet block, 21 neutral and non-aligned and China. It meets from Forwary to April and June

to August each year.

The finest achievements of the Geneva Committee were the non-proliferation treaty of 1968 and the convention banning biological weapons, proposed by Britain in 1969 and approved in 1972. The latter is the only general disarmament measure agreed since 1945.

A similar draft convention to ban chemical weapons was tabled by Britain in 1976. Since then the Russians and Ameriwho are obviously the parties most directly concerned having stocks of these terrible weapons, have been discussing the question in bilsteral talks. In addition to chemical weapons, groups of the CD deal " negative security assurances" (guarantees to non-nuclear states that nuclear weapons will not be used against them); radiological weapons (which do not actually ances " exist yet, but can be imagined); and a comprehensive pro-gramme for disarmament (list-ing of priorities).

It is hoped to produce this in time for the second United Nations special session on disarmament (UNSSD II) in 1982.

David Spanier

Diplomatic Correspondent

SPORT.

Cricket

Boycott looks forward to business, which begins on February 13

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Port of Spain, Jan 22
After a week of the good life, which has been useful for aclimatization but of limited cricketing value, the England players engage in the first of their 14 matches against a President's XI, consisting mostly of young hopefuls, in Pointe-à-Pierre romorrow. This is in the industrial south of Trinidad, from where the oil flows.

in the industrial south of Trinidad, from where the oil flows.

The first Test match stams here in Port of Spain, at the Queens Park Oval, on February 13, which to get some batsmen into form and some bowlers into a rhythm. Having just been relaid—within the last few weeks—the Queens Park square looks like a rather neglected alloment; but one knows by now the wonders that are worked in the tropts, by the combination of roller, stm and hose.

The first main on one of the new pitches has just been played, and although only Vivian Richards in an innings of 168 batted with any freedom—he was captaining the Combined Islands against Trinidad—the surface beld together well enough for a draw to be inevitable long before the end. Few enough people wanthed be inevitable long before the end.

Few enough people wanthed this Shell Shield game for the ground to be described in vester-day's Trinidad Guardian as the "Deserted Village". It will be different, you may be sure, for the Test manch. With six cheap wickets the dreaded Anderson Mongomery Everton Roberts, 30 next week and rested from the recent West Indian tour of Pakistan, confirmed what he has been saving—that he wants his Test place back.

Botham has enough on his mind at the moment for his hanstring injury, the result of running in to bowl on the term ground in Antigua, to be the last thing he wanted. No one is saying that it is anything to worry about, but iten in England last summer no one would say that the back which so hampered him was anything more than a twinge; He is in the side for tomostrow as one of five main bowlers, and that at any rate is encouraging. Boycott and Rose will be going in first together and Bairstow keeps wicket. It is a long time since the wicketkeeping position on tour began by being so open, which should lead to some keen competition between Bairstow and Downton.

The 35 mile journey to Pointe-3-Pierre, some of it through dense traffic, will be made daily by road. We had such an enjoyabletime staying there on Pener May's tory with a soft course close by

-road. We had such an enjoyante-time staying there on Peter May's tour, with a golf course close by for close who wanted one, that I would have thought it better to have been put up there again. Of all the caddies I have had in the bare-foored countries, such as India, Pakistan, South Africa and Weet Lodies, roughass ever better West Indies, non was ever better

Franklyn from San Fernando, near Points-2-Pierre—or ever had a straighter face when saying how fortunate one had been. His toes were so long that he might have been bred for the purpose.

The President's XI will be caprained tomorrow by one of the Suffolk side—Timur Mohammad from Guyana—who will have the support of one of Worcestershire's opening mowlers, Hartley Alleyne from Barbados, and one of Hampshire's the Barbadian Malcolm Marshall.



Roland Butcher: striving to impress on his first ton

There are two new Barbadian batsmen, Thelston Payne and Emmerson Troman, and Roger Harper, who comes from Guyana and at 17 is talked of as being the

another one a chance.

The weather is warm without being fiercely hot, and humid but not intolerably so. The occasional shower freshens up the savannah. Port of Spain's playground where racehorses work out in the early morning and cricketers of all ages play the most improbable strokes. In the Hilton Hotel, where the England team are staying, Boycott, when there is no one to bowl to him, knocks up with the resident tennis professional. In spite of being left off the tour selection

seven years ago, played in Bridge, town, Boycott made 251 nor out, still the highest score of his career. "It wouldn't upset me if we had a day in the field", Mr Smith said this morning, referring to tomorrow's march. It would not entirely surprise me if we had two. ENGLAND: G. Boycott (Yorkshire). B. C. Rose (Somerset). D. I. Gorer (Laicestershire). M. W. Gatting (Not dieser). R. O. Butcher (Middleser). T. Botham (Somerset). Captain). P. Wiley (Northamptonshire). D. P. Bairston (Yorkshire). G. B. Sweenser (Yorkshire). M. Old (Yorkshire). G. Dilley (Kent).

Lack of practice gives India an excuse before they start

From Dilip Rao
Adelaide, Jan 22
It is quite customary, specially on tour, for India to raise their game in the latter half of a Test series. But it is hard to see them offering Australia a stronger challenge in the second Test, beginning tomorrow at the Adelaide Oval, than they did in the first Test, which they lost by an innings at Sydney.

If there is no improvement in their performance it will not be entirely the fault of the Indians, for they have not played a single first-class match in the 18 days since the Sydney debacle. Their preparation in the intervening period has consisted of three one-day internationals, all of which

The structure of the present-day Australian season is unfair not only to touring sides but unbearably taxing even to the Australiaus, judging by views aired today by their captain. Greg Chappell. Although runs have been flowing off his own bat in recent weeks Chappell is worsied about the general lack of form among his battered and injuries to his fast howers.

Not one of the three in his armoury, Lillee, Pascoe and Hogg, is fally fit. Pascoe is in need of surgery on both his knees. Hogg's thigh muscles are in rebellion and Lillee often feels agonizing pain in his elbow. They are all probably

the victims of too many demands the victims of too many demands which led to Chappell's bitter complaints about the strain imposed on his team by the congestion of Test matches, a long series of one-day interpationals and Sheffield Shield games, accompanied as it is by so much travel. He said: "We could cope better if we had an off day before or during a Test match.".

What Chappell does not seem this season.

What Chappell does not seem to appreciate is that the new system is the mouster born out of the revolution in which he and his rebellious elder brother. Ian, were leading forces. Chappell model went set far as saving : moday went as far as saying:
"Such pressures will make many
players give the game away
sooner than they would do other-

The indians have short-instea is players, among whom are all four seam bowlers. One of them, either Roger Binny or Yograf Singh will undoubtedly be left out. Every indication is that the off-spinoer, Shivkal Yaday, will be the other omission, although on the pitch which looked damp and green today, spin bowlers. Yaday included, have done ample damage this season.

this season.

AUSTRALIA (from 121: G. M. Wood, J. H. Dyson, G. S. Charpell (captun), K. J. Buhes, A. R. Border, K. J. Buhes, A. R. Border, K. J. Buhes, A. R. Border, K. J. Buhes, C. B. Buhes, C. D. Higgs, M. Hogs, Isabha (from 15): S. M. Garakke (captain), C. P. S. Chauhan, D. S. Yengsarkar, G. R. Viswarath, Yalapi Sharms, S. M. Paill, S. M. H. Kirnen, Keell Dev. R. M. H. Butter, K. Ghavri, Yograj Singh, D. R. Dosh, S. Yades

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Cycling

depth to their strength

From Paul Harrison Amsterdam, Jan 22

Amsterdam, Jan 22.

TI Raleigh and Creda unveiled here today the Dutcimen and Belgians who, on British bicycles, seek this season to consolidate the leading position they have won in Europe over the past few years. The team's success was crowned by Joop Zoetemelt's victory in last year's Tour de France.

Zoetemelk who had been sec-

Zoetemelk, who had been sec start favourize for this year's Tom start favouries for this year's Tour and will rely much on the spirit developed by Peter Post, the team manager, who is the first to acknowledge bow difficult it will be this year. Other teams are now fully aware of the British team's

strength.

The team has been strengthened in depth, Ludo Peeters, winner of a Tour stage last year, has the potential to become Belgium's best rider and Jo Meas, who won the Brussels stage in the 1979 Tour, will bring arrength to the moun-

The newcomers join the established names such as the 34-year, old Zoetemelk and Knetemann, victor of last year's Tour of Belgium, Tour of The Netherlands grum, four of the methersands and European champlon at Rot-terdam in October. Knesemann, aged 29, is regarded as having made a considerable contribution to Zoetemelk's victory during the

to Zoetemelk's victory during the later mountain stages.

Although the Tour de France, as the world's leading race, is the target, the team will also be competing in Europe, as well as in the United States next November for the Tour of Florida and the Tour of California. In all cases, they will be riding their Team Professional bicycles built at the TI Raleigh specialist development unit at Ilkeston.

For the record

Tennis

CINCINNATI Woman's singles, second round; S. Henlice (WG) best N. Bohra. (Sweden), 5.—6. 6—1. 6—2. 6—5; V. Ruzici (Expresse) best M. Plaick (US) 5—6. 6—4. 6—1. F. Potter (US) best R. Pairbank (SA), 7—5. 6—4; H. Mandikowe (Cascholovakie, best S. Margolin (US), 6—0. 6—4.

MONTERREY: Men's sincles, second pand (US calese stated); R. Marson est B. Wells, S-6, 5-7, Y-6; V. mrital (India) best J. McDonald, J. 6-2; P. Porte (France) best L. Savigno, 6-2, 6-4, Cycling

ROTTERDAM: Bix-day Face: Final stitions: 1. D. Clark and D. Allen lastrions: 1. D. Clark and D. Allen lastridam: 4.65 pts; 2. R. Pinen and Raas (Netherlands), 603, 2. and Sindi: 3. F. Serra: (Seiglium) and Fritz (WG), 517, 2. a. a. f. Fritz (WG), 517, 2. a. a. b. Fritz (WG), 517, 2. a. b. f. G. Knetenann (Netherlands) and Holl. Cerated (PhG), 463, 7; 6, M. arton and A. Doyle (GB), 325, 7. Cricket

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Rugby Union

British team add It is not so much a lottery more a way to progress

Rugby Correspondent

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Rugby Union treasurers and
committees lamenting the difficult
times in which they operate may
take encouragement from the latest
example of West Hartlepool. It is
their centenary next season and,
more topically, they play Waterloo at Blandellsands tomorrow in
the third round of the John
Player Cup. A progressive club,
they instituted a lottery to raise
the SSA,000 they regarded as essenthe £50,000 they regarded as essential if they were to celebrate their centenary in style.

A decision was taken over two years ago to employ a full-time commercial manager responsible for recruiting canvassers and for recruiting canvassers and agents, whose target would be to sell 40,000 tickets a week. Cars and premises were rented (both have now been permanently acquired) and agencies were established throughout the community:

lished throughout the community. Corner shops, newsagenis, fish and chip shops and hardressing salons all proved to be incretive centres for the disposal of a 250 "swag bag". Thanks to the hard work and good promotion, the lottery has so far sold almost £350,000 itchers and paid out almost £350,000 itchers and £350,000 itch

table fund administered by the local council. Over £30,000 has been distributed to hospitals for old people, the mentally and physically handicapped and other deserving beneficiaries. A painting worth £1,000 has been donated to the local art gallery.

The West Hartiepool club has had a reputation for progressive thinking since the lease expired on their old ground in the centre of town in the mid 1950s and they made an embirious move to new headquarters in the southern sub-urbs. In those days, their fixtures were local but success in the Dur-ham County Cup in 1971 and 1972, allied to rapidly developing faci-lities at Barleton Laue, has led to a steady expansion of the list. By the late 1970s West Hartlepool were established among the north's leading clubs. Last season they finished third in the merit table behind Orrell and Fylde. Their present facilities, includ-ing four soulash courts, are esti-

Their present facilities, including four squash courts, are estimated to be worth about £500,000. Much of the development was by courtesy of a friendly bank manager who, according to the club's secretary, Frank Gibbon", now sleeps better at night". The ground has been bought from the council, floodlights have been erected, a new wall has been put around the perimeter and an extension to an already imposing clubhouse is under way.

Table tennis

English individual hopes fall

By Peter Walker

Team events are notoriously bad form guides before the individual competitions start in individual competinous surt in earnest, but there were distarbing signs at the Welsh Open championships sponsored by Sign, at the National Sports Centre in Cardiff last night that all is not well with two of England's leading hopes fo ribe men's title.

Desmond Douglas, winner here in 1978, was beaten by 'Peter Steelwag, of West Germany, in the third round and again in the fourth by the relatively unknown Swede, Tom Dameison. The current European champion, John Hilton, went down to defeat by No Yoos Kyan, who falls to get into the top 40 in the world, and later in the second round he lost in these sets to another unfamiliar

Meanwhile Jill Hammersley, the former European women's champion, suffered her first defeat since her reman to international competition when she was beaten by the unranked Korean, Lee Soo Ja, 21—12 in each game in the third round.

in unfamiliar territory "No excuses", Mrs. Hammersley said, "I just played badly." "No excuses", Mrs. Hammersley said, "I just played badly."
Nincteen countries are involved in the event which, from next year, in accordance with the European Table Tennis. Union's instruction, will alternate annually with the English Open.
Last year the Chinese dominated the Welsh Open but they are not competing this year. In the team events, the current world champions, Hungary, were not severely testd until they reached the fourth round where, in the decisive match, the unpredictable former European champion, Gabor Gergely, led Stellan Bengtsson, of Sweden 18-14 in the final game, only for the former world champion to fight back and level it. But two wide-angled backhand flicks put Gergely sud Hungary through to the semi-final round where they will meet Sweden B.

filcks put Gergely stid Hungary through to the semi-final round where they will meet Sweden B, who defeated England A, including Douglas and Paul Day. The England B team, with Hilton and David Johnson, were eliminated by Hungary in the third round. In the women's competition England A went out to Korea B in the third round, the B combination in

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Hockey

East start well but North finish better By Joyce Whitehead

East 1 North 2
In a good but rather rebust
game at Bretton Gate Sports Emporium in Peterborough, North
gained a surprise victory over East.
No one could have foreseen this
result from the opening exchanges.
Sandra Roberts, the East right
wing from Suffolk, nearly scored
in the first few minutes and did
score from a corner in the fifth
with a fine shot. However Carole
Dudley (Lancashire) equalized
from another corner and scored
her second and North's wiming her second and North's winning goal just before half time. Mrs Dudley rushed in from the left to push the ball home after Julie Cook (Suffolk) the East goal-keeper had saved her first shot. Reeper nad saved her first shot.

North had an adventurous half
back line and their hard forward
passes changed defence into attack
with great rapidity. Their forward line never stopped probing
for goals. Unfortunately for them
Margaret Souyave (Leicesterhire)
did not have her eye in.

East nearly equalized just before

East nearly equalized just before half time and in the second half had sufficient shots at goal to put them on top but they were not sufficiently accurate

For most of the time, the game was played at a fast pace and Jenie Cardwell (Suffolk), the East captain, spurred her team on to great effort. But in the second half both teams tired.

East persistently tried to dogs round an opponent instead of passing the ball and the pitch was passing the ball and the puth was not conducive to intricate stick-work. However they never gave up an dhad two corners near to time. North, though dealt with them in confident style.

Tomorrow, South play West at Petworth in Sussex.

EAST: J. Cook (Suirolk), A. Apple 18 (WRAF and Kent), J. Cardwill 18 (WRAF), A. Daly (Herriordshire), V. Dixon (Cambridgeshire), E. Mischell 18 (Herriordshire), J. Jurischt 18 (Herriordshire)

Düffett (Herfordshire), J. Jarischi (Kenti, V. Robinson (Herfordshire), Roberts (Suffalk), Moerth: J. Edwards (Durham), Carr (Lanacahire), J. Shkurka (Shifetd League), M. Eckersall (Lancahire), P. Brodle (Cheshire), N. D. (Durham), M. Souyave (Lancashire), C. Dudley (Lanacahire), Etandish (Lancashire), D. Grand(Lancashire),

Change in PGA rules will benefit Britons

Phoenix. Arizona, Jan 22.—
Sandy Lyle and Nick Faldo, are taking advantage of a change in the PGA tour rules and this well begin a long stint on the American professional golf circuit.

"There are several things in volved, actually", Faldo said, before teeing off today in the first round of the \$300,000 Phoenix Open. "There's the change in the American rules that gives as the opportunity to play a longer the American rules that gives may the opportunity to play a longer schedule. Then, too, our European tour doesn't start until May. And there's the fact that we'd just like to find out how we fare against the American competition. Lyle and Faldo are members of the British Ryder Cup team. Last year Lyle led the European order of merit and Faldo won his second British PGA championship. Both are larger, stronger, longer histers than most European players and both have played in the United States before.

Although Tom Watson has not both have played in the unactive states before.

Although Tom Watson has not yet started his season and Les Trevino and jack Nicklaus are taking an early-season break, the Britons face a strong field of Americans in the Phoenix event. Among them are Bruce Lietake and Johnty Miller, winners of the first two tournaments of the season, and Jenry Pate, a former whiteer here and a runner up last week.—AP.

Four large military installations are involved. The most important is Souda Bay, in Western Crete. It is a magnificent anchorage and depot area for the American Sixth Fleet, which is conveniently linked to a military airfield and a nearby Nato missile range. A United States Senate staff the United States to project the Sixth Fleet far into the eastern Mediterranean and would be difficult to replace ".

The other installations are an electronic surveillance station near Heraklion, also in Crete; an air support base at Hellenikon, the airport of Athens; and an important fleet communications centre at Nea Makri, near Marathon.

Makri, near Marathon.
On several Greek mountaintops there are also a dozen or so relay posts and early warning stations, and the Government certainly is unwilting to discuss the stockpiles of nuclear warheads that are known to exist in Greece.

The Greek Government asked for a revision of the

asked for a revision of the bases agreement soon after the downfall of the military junta in 1974 when, under the swelling tide of anti-Americanism, it pulled the country out of Nato and sought to reassert Greek sovereignty.

The negotiators will now be working on a Greek draft which has drawn liberally from

earlier texts, particularly from

the United States-Greek bases agreement initialled in 1977 but never signed, but mainly from the American-Turkish from the American-Turkish defence agreement concluded in March last year.
The idea is to convert the American bases into national installations, operating for the purposes of the Nato alliance, each under a Greek commandant who would act, as it were,

Greece and Turkey; two, that TURKEY respect Greek susceptibilities GREECE and protect the Government from allegations of a sell-out AEGEAN SEA put it this way: "It must be a good agreement, and it must 心 be seen to be a good agree-0 ing, the Greek guidelines when the negotiations with the Americans begin in earnest IONIAN SEA OF CRETE. Naval facility_ Souda Bay 75 miles

Greek conditions

for guaranteeing continued American

military presence

BULGARIA

Souda Bay and Heraklion in Crete; Hellenikon, the airport for Athens; and Nea Makri, near Marathon, are the sites for the four large United States military installations in

circumstauces, be able to exer-cise, is still a moot point. One reason for the delay in revising the agreement was

conclude their own bases pact first, in order to take advantage of the more favourable terms the Turks somehow manage to wrest from the Americans, but mainly with a critical eye on the level of military aid promised by the Americans to Turkey.

There are among Greeks strong popular fears that Turkey nurses territorial designs on their country, so that the Greek leaders feel compelled to insist on a fixed ratio of aid to the two countries—seven for Greece, 10 for Turkey—which they believe can preserve the military equilibrium in the

The Americans argue that although they try to maintain a balance, they cannot accept an arithmetical commitment because the President cannot bind Congress to a fixed ratio. "We also have to think of the East-West balance in the area", one American diplomat observed tartly. observed tartly.

The Greeks have two arguments in their favour. The first ments in their favour. The first is that a minimum seven-to-10 ratio has been observed in all aid appropriations to the two countries in the last six years, including (after strong protests from Athens) for 1981. The second is that the United States Congress inserted a caveat into the 1978 aid Bill "to ensure that the present balance of military strength among the countries in the military strength countries in the host to the United States con-tingent using the bases. What practical control the Greek commandant would, under the served". among the countries in the region, including that between Greece and Turkey, is preand Turkey, is pre-

The problem for the Greeks now is that the text of the 1980 American-Turkish agreement does not specify the level of United States aid to Turkey. It simply commits Washington to use its best efforts to secure for Turkey the arms it requires.

Details of such requirements of military bardware are listed in what is known as "the five year rolling programme which is reviewed each year by a joint committee in Ankara. And the Americans refuse to disclose it to the Greeks, "just as we would not show the Greek shopping list to the Turks". So this may cause complications during the nego-

Of course Athens would not be so adappent about military parity if the United States were willing to guarantee the inviolability of Greeces: frontiers in the Aegean. At this price, in fact, even the Greek left unight accept the bases.

The Americans, however, refuse to go beyond the language used by Dr Henry Kissinger, then Secretary of State, in a letter to his Greek colleague in 1976, to the effect that the United States would actively and unequivocally oppose either side's seeking a military solution (to the Aegean disputes) and will make a major effort to prevent

such a course of action ". The Greek Government is expected to seek a reaffirma-tion, if not a reinforcement, of these assurances to be embo-cied in the revised defence

agreement, probably again in

One of the most effective arguments that the Greek Opposition has wielded against the bases, beyond its prophe-sies of nuclear doom, is that Greece might be dragged

through them, willy-nilly, into some "imperialist American adventure" quite unrelated to To guard against this, the Greek draft has plagiarized the

precise wording of the relevant section of the United States agreement with Turkey, a country which, because of its geographical precanousness, refuses to become involved in non-Nato affrays. The section reads: "The extent of the defence cooperation eavisaged in this agree-ment shall be limited to obliga-tions arising our of the North

Atlantic Treaty." The American side seems resigned to the prospect about if Nato interests, rather than Nato territory, were imperified, the cooperation of Greece and Turkey would have to depend on the good will of their gov-

One complication in the case of the Greek agreement is that at least two of the four main installations are used almost exclusively by the Sixth Fleet

ernments.

which becomes a Nato force only in case of war. It would be absurd, of course, to assume that because of these restrictions the American warships would be detied access to facilities they have used for the best part of the past 30 years. But some legalis-

may rephrasing If all goes well, the Greek Government expects the agree ment to be signed next March Ratification in Parliament will certainly create a storm as the opposition—Pasok socialists and the Communist Party—is dead-set against the bases which it sees as the hallmark of

American totelage

American tutelage.

The Government commands a comfortable majority, but 1981 is an election year, so it must tread softly. The Pasok socialists of Mr Andreas Papandreou, who are making a bid for power this time, have themselves largely tempered their attitude against the bases, evidently in the hope of eliciting support from less radical, even pro-western voters.

Pasok now asserts that the American bases cannot be kicked out overnight, especially since this may affect the cially since this may effect the procurement of military equip-ment to the Greek armed

Somehow, the Americans themselves seem less concerned by the prospect than would be expected. They seem to believe that if Pasok comes to power its government would be realistic enough to press for nothing more than a renegotiation of the new bases ureement.

> Mario Modiano EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS marier-linal round: Soulble aby 96, Motorne Le Mone, Fre

A cup dream machine hits road to Wrexham

By Stuart Jones
Of the 352 personal Wembley
dreams that remain, some faded
and some strengthened yesterday. Perhaps the most surprising news was given to the Wimbledon playwas given to the windledon play-ers, who learnt that they will have a new coach for their fourth-round FA Cup tie tomorrow. It is a 590,000 Mercedes vehicle, used a 190,000 Mercedes vehicle, used by the England team, that will take them up the MI to Wrexham.

The good news was given to the likes of Biggins. Daly, Booth, Lock and Ardiles. Biggins. dropped by Shrewsbury Town to make way for a new signing. Bates, is recalled for the visit of Ipswich Town after scoring seven goals in three reserve games. The explanation of his player-manager, Graham Turner, may be of little comfort, though. "He is such an unpredictable player that even his own team mates don't know what he is going to do."

Daly and Lock each strained a grow muscle during Wednesday's training but are likely to take their accustomed places for Coventry City and Fulham respectively.

training but are likely to take their accustomed places for Coventry City and Fulham respectively. More significantly, Booth has recovered from his thugh strain and should be able to fill the gap in Manchester City's defence left by Reid, who is suspended. If the tie at Maine Road is rough, there will at least be no animosity in the boardroom. Sir Arthur South, Norwich City's chairman, grasped the other end of the olive branch held out by John Bond and said: "Fill he there when he comes in after the game and Fill congratulate him if his side win and I hope he does the same if Norwich win," Presumably kind words will be exchanged, too, if it is a draw.

Ardiles, who has missed Tottenham Hotspur's last six games. Ardiles, who has missed Tottenham Hotspur's last six games,
makes his first appearance of the
new year at home to Hutl Ciry.
His Argentine compatriot, Villa,
is absent and so is Lacy, whose
hamstring was still pulling when
he tested it yesterday. Hughton,
though, stand's ready and waiting
in the wings.
The had news was broken to
Johnston, McDonagh, Wealands,
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Club managers were assured yesterday that the Football Association's plans to stage British. Championship fixtures dusing the season from next year do not include Saturday internationals. Ted Croker, the FA secretary, made it clear that the "club v country" conflict would not resume, even if plans to play home internationals during the season are approved at a meeting of the four countries next month.

The revision of dates is necesbrough, already without the sus-pended Craggs and Hodgson, to hear that Johnston's knee was still wobbly is particularly wor-rying. He is their leading marks-man and they will need every gnal they can score against the improving West Bromwich Albion.
Two goalkeepers — McDonagh, of Everton, and Wealands, of Sirmingham City — are likely to be guarding injuries rather than their nets tomorrow.

The revision of dates is necessary because the Football League bope to start and end the season two weeks later, ruling out a complete British Championship in one May week.

Cup romance is not dead: it is alive and kicking in giant hearted Enfield

A tiddler may swallow a whale

Tottenham Hotspur won the FA Cup in 1901—unremarkable, you may think, in the light of their many subsequent homours, but it was probably the greatest feat of mankilling in a competition whose 100 seasons have been filled with surprise results. Until 1908 Tottenham were members of the semi-professional Southern League and their success of 1901 is the only instance, since the Football League were formed in 1888, of an oursider whoning the FA Cup. It also ended years of northern and Midlands dominance.

The victories of the small clubs,

lands dominance.

The victories of the small clubs, particularly the non-leaguers (often patronizingly dubbed "small fry", "minnows" or plain "little"), over senior opponents are the essence of the FA Cup and have contributed much to its wide and enduring appeal.

Every season throws un its Every season throws up its heroes from the minor leagues—Harlow, Altrincham, Leatherhead, Wimbledon and the splendidly named Blyth Spartans, to recall only a few from recent years; they step briefly into the limelight before returning to the relative obscurity of the small print in the fixtures and results and to, matches played before a few hundred loyal followers instead of the lar greater numbers who join their Cup bandwagons. This season Enfield, champtons of the London-based Isthmian

League four mes in the last five seasons, and with a ground a mere three miles from Tottenham's, have caught the public imagination have caught the public integration with impressively easy victories over two fourth division sides with good FA Cup pedigrees—Hereford United, regular witners against Football League opposition in their own non-League days, and Port Vale, who were semi-finalists in 1954 when they were in the third division.

FA determined to avoid conflict Enfield began life as an amateur club in 1900 and competed with modest success in the North Middlesex, Athenian and Isthmian Leagues natil they won the FA Amateur Cup at Wembley Studium in 1967 and 1970 (as well as being beaten finalists in 1964 and 1972) and provided several players for and provided several players for the England amateur team.

the England amateur team.

In 1974 the FA, acknowledging that they could not prevent wide-spread shamateurism, abolished the professional-amateur distinction; this left senior amateur clubs like Enfield to compete with the semi-professionals in the FA Trophy (established in 1969) and started an overhaul of non-league football which, but for sectional interests, might have happened in the amateur game many years the amateur game many years earlier,

earlier,

This weekend Enfield—and their Isthmian colleagues. Dagenham, bolders of the FA Trophy—hope to hear that they have been admitted to the Alliance Premier League, the first national semi-professional league, founded in 1979. The champions are put forward for election to the Football League and last year Altrincham, whose recent FA Cup runs include holding Tottenham to a draw at White Hart Lane, Just failed in unfortunate circumstances to gain the vote at the expense of Rochdale.

The non-league game, although

The non-league game, although far from the days in the fiftles when Wembley was filled to capa-city to watch Bishop Auckland, Pegasus and Corinthian Casuals in Pegasus and Corinthian Casuals in Amateur Cup Finals, is well organized, has had sponsorship for nearly a decade and attracts its followers through intimacy and friendliness rarely found in the bigger Football League clubs.

The draw for tomorrow's FA Cup fourth round cheated Enfield of the tie about which every small

clubs dream, against Liverpool, Manchester United or Tottenham, and has sent them instead to the third division pacemakers. Barnsley, Whatever the outcome,

Manchester United or Tottenham, and has sent them instead to the third division pacemakers. Barusley. Whatever the outcome, they will enjoy to the full their appearance in the "big time". Enfield are at least able to cock a snook at Barusley's erstwhile manager, Allan Clarke, who not long ago suggested that the nearly 400 non-league clubs who enter the FA Cup should be harred. But consider what the Cup would lose without these clubs and their sloping pitches, grounds with one turnstile or one stand, an assortment of postmen. grounds with one turbone of one stand, an assortment of postmen, cab drivers and schoolteachers. No further comment is needed on the fact that Leeds have been eliminated from this season's competition while Enfield are still

alive.
Perhaps Mr Clarke's opinion
was coloured by his experience in
1971 as a member of the Leeds

was coloured by his experience in 1971 as a member of the Leeds leam, then one of the powers in the land, who were the victims of one of the Cuy's greatest upsets, a defeat by Colchester United, of the fourth division.

A year later Hereford United, of the Southern League, ousted the North-East's first division giants, Newcastle United. By the next season Hereford had been elected to the Football League, following in the footsteps of Colchester (who, as a Southern League team, beat Huddersfield Town, of the first division in 1948). Gillingham, Peterborough United, Wigan Athletic and Wimbledon (Southern League conquerors of Burnley, of the first division, and beaten narrowly in a reglay by Leeds in 1973), whose post-war Cup achievements whose post-war Cup achievements earned them similar elevation in status. Enfield's previous best season in the FA Cup was 1977-78 when,

Basketball

Four players remain from that campaign, including Jennings, an inspirational central defender and captain of England's semi-professional team; he was play-ing for fellow-Isthmians Hendon, my boyhood favourites, when they held Newcastle to a draw at St James' Park in the third round in 1974 before losing the replay 4-0 at Watford.

at Watford.

Although not quite matching the legendary Corinthians, who beat Blackburn Rovers, of the first division, in 1924, three more Isthmian clubs have a place in FA Cup history. In 1933 Waithamstow Avenue drew with Manchester United in a fourth-round tie at Old Trafford, but lost the replay 5—2 at Highbury on a Wednesday afternoon in front of more than 50,000 spectators. In Wednesday afternoon in front of more than 50,000 spectators. In 1939 Tooting and Mitcham gave that year's Cup Winners, Nottingham Forest, their hardest struggle when they took them to a replay in the third round, And in 1975 Wycombe Wanderers tame within a whister of eliminating Middlesbrough before going down to a last-minute goal in the replay. Bedford Town, of the Southern League, also have a place in this company; in 1936 they drew with Arsenal at Highbury, only to lose the replay 2—1. the replay 2—1.

For years prospective giant-killers have been written off by puedits, who claim that the gulf between top and bottom is unbridgable. Thanks to the "little-way." unt". romance is not dead in the FA Cup. The next 100 seasons will surely be littered with a few more dead glants.

Marcus Williams



Day: adjusting to a new playing role for Doncaster

Day seeks to avoid it being Palace's night

By Nicholas Harling
Realistically there can be only one winner of tonight's National Cup final sponsored by Asda, at Coventry. With the exception of the most committed Doncaster supporter, anyone making out a case for the Yorkshire cliph against Crystal Palace could find himself destined for a place on the nearest "funny farm".

Palace, even in the likelihood of being without the injured Peter Jeremich, should not lose to the club ries defeated by 20 points in last year's final, by 41 points in the first of this season's league firstures and by mine points in the return. It is on their performance in that second league encounter, however, that Doncaster hase their slim hopes. At one time they were ahead by 12 points before losing concentration, which has been the bane of most of their ambitions this campaign and in seasons past. It has, as their coach, Morris Wordsworth, is only ton aware, affected their consistency. It has also placed a heavy hurden on lan Day who, as their captain, has no particular wish to be involved in another ignominious defeat, he has vivid recollections of thar first league reverse which came during the same weekend Realistically there can be only defeat. He has vivid recollections of that first league reverse which came during the same weekend Doncaster had beaten Sunderland in the semi-final round to reach their third successive final: "They annihilated us. They blew us off the zym." he said.

As if he did not have enough problems trying to motivate his colleagues for the one march most of them might subconsciously feel

things might have worked our more smoothly for him had he been able to concentrate on scoring polnts. But the damaged back of John Belk, a fellow Olympic team player, has placed far greater emphasis on Duck hall-carting abtplayer, has placed far greater emphasis on Day's ball-carrying ability this season. The absence of Belk—who might be replaced to-night by Steve O'Shea—has forced the 6 feet 4 inches tall Day to carry out the duties of a guard which is to bring the ball up court before laying it off: "It has put more mental and physical pressure on me, "he said. "It's such bard work setting up an offence and then being expected to act as shooter."

Day, one of the few outstanding home-produced players, has risen to the challenge admirably. He is to the challenge admirably. He is conscientious too, finding time when he is not lecturing in general studies to technical college "tudents, to spend up to 10 hours a week training and weightlifting: "It might not be everyone's cup of tea but I also play local league basketball because it means playing one more night a week." Day ing one more night a week, " Day said. He welcomes the possibility of

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"They annihilated us. They blew us off the 2xm." he said.

As if he did not have enough problems trying to motivate his colleagues for the one match most of them might subconsciously feel it is beyond them, the 27-year-old

Motor racing

Avon are back to relieve tyre

pressure

By John Blunsden The shortage of grand prix racing tyres, now critical with the withdrawal of Goodyear, Tyres Ltd, of Melksham in Wiltshire, manufacture them again

for the first time since 1969. They are to join forces with International Race Tire Service Ltd. the sport's leading distributurs of competition tyres in Europe. They are opening a unit of tyres for most racing cate-gories, to IRTS specifications. The latter will be responsible for design and development. The tyres will be distributed ex-clusively through IRTS from their London Airport-based warehouse, but will carry only the Avon name.

Secret tests are being carried Secret lests are being carried out on the trest grand prix tyres. It is expected that two or three teams will be serviced from the start of the European part of the world championship series in May. Such is the tyre scarcity that IRTS intend to make teams pay for every one, even for an initial set for evaluation, which could cost around £500.

As Frank Williams yold me

As Frank Williams told me yesterday, at least this is another source. "Right now there is a desperate shortage", he said. "I am running a test in Frence next week with the latest Williams, but so far I have been guaranteed only one set of tyres by Michelin, although they are dring their best to find a second set. That is how bad the situation is."

situation is."

In Paris the International Motor Sport Federation (FISA) have telexed all constructors requesting that their proposals for revized formula one regulations, negotiated at Ferrari headquarters earlier this week, be delivered to them in final form no later than next Monday so that they can be studied in full before a meeting in Monte Carlo on January 30. No dark change: The South African Grand Prix will take place on February 7 despite any proposed rescheduling, race promoters said in Johannesburg. It was denied that talks were under way to have the race changed to October 10. the race changed to October 10.

Today's fixtures FOURTH DIVISION: Southend United v North-motor Town (7.50). FRIENDLY: Chelson v Brighton and Hove Abien 17 45.

Headguards recommended | Miss McKinney for professional bouts

Boxing Correspondent

The headguard lobby could get hoxing in Canada if the recommendations of a task force set up by the Canadian Government to inquire into the dangers of hoxing are accepted. Murray Sleep, president of the Canadian Professional Boxing Federation, a member of a nine-man ream. said wear headguards for so long as they are four-round boxers.

Mr Sieen, who is also head of the WBA champiouship committee, hones that some of their recommendations, which will be submitted to Gerald Regan, the Minister for Regrection in Ottawa. Minister for Recreation in Ottawa on Thursday, will be adopted by other world bodies. While in Britain the task force held talks with the British Boxing Board of with the British Boxing soard of Control, who want a copy of the report to study. Other suggestions include the setting up of a computer which will carry every career detail of every boxer in the world and all boxers will have in show a head (EEG) and heart (EKG) certificate on the day of the contest.

the contest.

The inquiry started six months ago at the instigation of the Canadian Government after the deaths of Ralph Racine and Cleveland Denny, both suffering defeats at the bands of the Canadian lightweight, Gaetan Hart. The teamunder Dr Clarence Gosse, comprised three doctors and boxing experts including Clyde ray, the former Commonwealth weiterweight champion. They held public hearings in all leading Canadian towns and cities before going south to interview those connected with the inquiries on the deaths of Willie Classen and Johnny Owen. In Las Vegas the team talked with Muhammad Ali, Don King and Howard Cosell, the television commentator.

vision commentator. Mr Sleep, who has been pro-foundly affected by the findings, said he did not believe that head-guards would become the rule

program. netv

punishment. As Angelo Dundee said once: "I love to take my boxers to Britain. They under-stand boxing." Mr Sleep also expressed hope

Mr Sleep also expressed hope that one day the two world boxing authorities would be unified. If somebody does not give Muhammad Ali a licence soon, Mr Sleep said, he could set up a third body, his own council and give himself a licence. As he is reported as saying on Wednesday: "I'm going to challenge all the people who say I can't fight."

Tony Sibson, Britain's Enropean middleweight champion. is back in action at the Albert Hall on Tuesday. He meets a dangerous Opponent in Norberto Cabrera, of Argentina, another of Amilcar Bruss's men. Sam Burns, Sibson's manager, said that his boxer is now on the world championship trail and knows he has to do well against the Argentine, who has

trail and knows he has to do well against the Argentine, who has beaten the former world champion Hugo Corro and gone eight rounds with Marvin Hagler, level pegging mull Hagler pegged him. Next for Sibson is Vito Antuofermo and then Minter, which Mr Burus believes will be a sell-out. believes will be a sell-out.

Sibson, once a compulsive eater, has got his weight problem well under control. He rings Mr Burns every night from Leicester not to say "Night-mght", but to give him his weight for the day! Recounting this, Mr Burns weighed in with ad unintentional pun: "The stakes are high—and he's just to look at a steak to pur on a pound." Sibson's punchline was not bad either: "Twe grown up. I'm off the Farley's rusks."

Colin lones, the British welter-

Colin Jones, the British welter-weight champion, will have his next bout at the World Sporting Club, Grosvenor House, London, on February 16. He will meet Horace McKenzie, of Cardiff.

Fine

Football Correspondent

Local authorities experiencing financial difficulties in providing and improving football facilities are to be assisted by a £2m grant from the Football Trust whose income is gained through the Pool Promoters Association's spot-the-ball competitions. The money will go to the most highly populated areas in the country. The scheme is to be admini-stered by the Sports Council who have invited 70 local authorities to apply for S0 per cent grants towards new football pitches, changing facilities, and improve-ments in existing pitches.

Aid will go to improving facilities

Athletics

for a place

By Paul Harrison

in British team

Sebastian Coe, the Olymp

1,500 metres champion, should provide one of the highlights of

the AAA indoor championships,

sponsored by Philips, at RAF

tomorrow, which will be his only

indoor appearance of the eason. He will be unavailable for selection to the British team for the European indoor championships. In Grenoble, France, on February 21 and 22. For many of those competing today and tomorrow, bowever, the incentive will be just that—a chance to make the British team. Performances will also be used as selection criteria for two internationals before Grenoble. in West Germany and against East Germany, at Cosford.

Two national indoor records

Two national indoor records fell during the Costord Games on January 9 and 10, to Earl Tulloch in the 200m and Venissa Head in the women's shot. Tulloch, whose new 200m mark is 21.7 seconds, will be opposed

is 21.7 seconds, with be opposed this weekend by a Scotsman, Peter Little, whose record he took. Miss Head, whose winning put at the Cosford Games was 17.06m, is faced again by Angela Littlewood and Judy Oakes.

and Judy Oakes.

Phil Banning's indoor record 1,500m of 3min 41.9sec, set in 1975, must be in danger from a field including Colin Reliz, who has been in good early form this season and aiready has a European qualifying time. David Jenkins had a disappointing time at the Cosford Games, when he was beser by injury, bur tries again for a qualifying time in the 400m.

In the pole vault, the rivalry of Brian Hooper, Keith Stock, Jeff Gutteridge and Mike Bull is joined by Brad McStravick, the Olympic decathlete. Linsey MacDonald, a slip of a girl from Stockand has compessition from

Scotland, has competition from Verous Elder to remin the women's 200m.

Ar the very least, by tomorrow evening, Britain's potential team for Grenoble should have grown

to respectable proportions, under the influence of Cosford's new, fast track.

Prize money for the Carrolls Irish Open golf championship has been increased to a total of about £80,000. The winner of the compension, which will be held at Portmarmock, co Dublin, from August 13 to 16, will receive Irish £15,660 compared with the £13,330 won by Mark James last year.

Bigger Irish prize

Costord, just by appearing.

f1.5m could be made to help pro-fessional football overcome the problems of hooligamism. The problems of hooliganism. The Football Trust are organizing a conference next March, after which it may be decided to give funds to any project that may have been recommended by speakers who will include the secretary of the Football League, Graham Kelly and John Radley, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, A Operations, Metropolitan Police.

Sponsorship warning: Clubs will not "double their money" overnight when television lifts its ban on shirt advertising, the man who put Bitachi on the chests of Liverpool, the league champions.

Liverpool, the league champions,

said yesterday. Nor is there a vast reservoir of sponsorship money waiting to pour into football, according to Hitachi's United according to Hitachi's United Kingdom marketing director Stan Fenner.

Mr Fenner said: "I don't believe having your name on the players' shirts makes a lot of difference. The extra worth to a sponsor is minimal when compared to the exposure of heard advertising around the account the account the second the secon

There were hints from the FA secretary Ted Croker and the head of BBCB Outside Broadcasts Cliff Morgan that eventually the shirt ban-might be lifted.

Racing

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1.0 SUNBURY CHASE (Div I: Novices: £1,943: Charley, 10-1 Manbasell, 16-1 others, 6-1 Abo, 8-1 Roya



By a Special Correspondent Storm Bird, the hot favourite for this year's 2,000 Guineas and Derby, has his mane stashed off completely and his tail cut when his box was broken into on Wednesday night. Fortunately the bone of his tail was not broken and no structural damage to the horse is reported. Manaly, D. Kept. The Manaly Commander Christy, R. Shaw, 7-11-1 . Wepour Valrory's Kid. C. Miller, 10-11-2 . Floyd Commander Christy, H. O'Nelli, 5-10-7 Gracey, 4

20 HAIG WHISKY HURDLE (Novices:

Office Sportsman Hacesby. R. Armytage. 5-11-0 below Sportsman Hacesby. R. Thompson. Us. and Down. D. Roth. 5-11-0 below. Haynes Bee Sting. P. Condell. 5-10-10 ... Champion Carls Hoses. R. Shew. 5-10-10 ... Kinsne Office. R. Shew. 5-10-10 forcey 1 below to the Condell Sport Research St. O'Neill. 3-10-10 Hobbs. Office. Research St. O'Neill. 3-10-10 Hobbs. O'Neill. 3-10-10 213

Storm Bird is trained by Viacent O'Brien ar Cashel co Tipperary and owned by the pools millionaire. Robert Sangster. After five unbeaten runs as a two-vear-old, culminating in the William Hill Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket, he was placed top of the European Free Handicap. He has recently been insured for \$15m.

As security at the O'Brien stable is second to none it must regrettably be inferred that the mutilation of Storm Bird was an 'inside job'.

Michael Dickinson and David Nicholson, both of them talented young trainers enjoying a highly successful season, could be the men to follow at Kempton Park and Catterick Bridge this afternoon. Dickinson sends Tommy Joe on the long trip from Yorkshire for Kempton's Hanworth Handicap Chase, and has runners in four of the seven races nearer to home at Catterick.

Nicholson meanwhile is represented in five ruces at Kempton where all his horses are ridden by his brilliant stable jockey, Peter Scudamore. Nicholson is also happy to-report the return to race riding of John Suthern, now fully happy to report the return to race riding of John Suthern, now fully recovered after breaking an ankle at Doncaster shortly before Christ-

3m)
3cs 2121 Tommy Jee (D), M. Dickinson, 12-11-12 laildand Palatre, 6-1 Princeton, 10-1 Kusland, 13-2 Hurricane, 13-1 Sharp Deal., 14-1 City Link Express, 16-1 others, 24-1 City Link Express, 24-1 Ci

Suthern rides Cold Blood for another stable in Kempton's Royal Mail Novices' Handicap Hurdle, Mail Novices' Handicap Hurdle, but the selection here must be the Nicholson runner, New Lyric, New Lyric's form had been nothing to enthuse about in the first half of the season, but on his first race over a distance longer than two miles he won with great ease at Newbury earlier this month.

Merciless King, forced up on the run-in by Scudamore, to beat the run-in by Scudamore, to beat the odds-on Sir Michael at Northgham

odds-on Sir Michael at Nordingham last time, escapes any penalty for that success and can complete a double for the Nicholson stable in the Walton Novices' Hurdle.

At Camerick meanwhile, the odds cannor be long against a Dickinson treble with Go Wimpy and Wayward Lad in the two divisions of the Stayers Novices' Chase and Hanny Herton in division two sions of the Stayers Novices' Chase and Happy Hector in division two of the Moltby Novices' Hurdie. Their trainer can see no danger to Go. Wimpy, and only imparts one use of caution about Wayward Lad. "He is by Royal Highway, and like another of his stock, Flashy Boy, may need stiffer leanes than at Canterick to make him think about his jumping properly."

Newton Abbot results 1.15 (1.17) CHELSTON HURDLE (D)v 1: Navices: £692: 2m 5',f) 1: Novices: £693: 2m 5,5,5
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Co Gently M. Floyd (11-10 fav) 2
Flash Fred ... C McElfaptck (25-1) 2
TOTE: Win. 65p: places. 18p. 11p.
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bot run.

3.15 (3.17) COCKINGTON CHASE (Notices: 22.539: 2m)50 yds)
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V. McKeviti (7-2) 1
Washington Heights
W. Smilh (3-1 fav. 2
Brandy Bird ... P. Hobbs (16-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 27p; places, 22p, 11p, 15p; dual F: 57p. CSF: £1.50, N. Gaselee, Lambourn 61, 151, 16 ren. Betty's Klas (15-2), 4th. Bet Fun.

1.45 (1.45) BABBACOMEE CHASE (Seiling handless: \$625: 2m 150 yds)

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TOTE: Win. £5.99; piaces. £7. 11p.
42p. 45p: dual F: \$10.33. CSF: \$21.99. A5p: dual F: \$10.35. CSF: \$21.99. Recumor, Cambridge, Sh Au. 1-1. 16 yan. About the first first

Kempton Park card

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Otto Fearings (mp. (D.), Arraman. 6-11-10 Strongs (D.) 7-00 M (D.)

227 6-222 Pay Freeze, R. Turnell, 5-10-10 Francome CVO O Wysern Lad. M. McCormach. 5-10-10 Noish 15-8. Mass Furlong. 5-2 One Armed Bandit. 5-1 Pay Froeze. 8-1 Fearless imp. 10-1 Lucylar, 12-1 Caubeen, 16-1 others. 2.30 HANWORTH CHASE (Handicap: £2,141: 850

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4.0 WALTON HURDLE (4y-o novices: £1,627;

Catterick Bridge card

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0000 Gray Saple, T. Craig, 5-11-10 Mr Fowler 4
0000 Vernsky (CD), C. Gray, 5-11-10 Hancock 4
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0000 Grove Park, N. Waggott, 6-11-5 Mr Wattord 4
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12 O Bally-Ge, M. W. Easterby, 4-10-0 . Turk 2-1 Gallis Selmt. 5-2 Show of Heads, 9-2 Gunness Grove. 5-1 Pinenerieli. 13-2 Vronsky, 15-2 Another Move, 10-1 Magic Fly. 12-1 Corel John. 14-1 others. 1.45 STOKESLEY CHASE (Handicap: £2,008:

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0311 Mandy's Time (D), J. Harris, 5-10-0 Harris 7 0003 True Friend (D), A. Eubenk, 7-10-0 Goulding 4 40p-0 The Philistenian (D), R. Johnson, 6-10-0 12.45 DINSDALE CHASE (Handicap: Selling: 29 201 Tidy Work (D), K. Sione, 5:10-0 5 Ch. (Charle Gold (CD), C. Limb, 5:10-0 Strate Color (CD), C. Limb, 5:10-0 2.45 STAYERS' CHASE (Div I: Novices: £996;

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Specina, R. Johnson, 5-11-5 Doubling Dual, 12-1 Box of Tricks, 1o-1 Kikori, 20-1 others.

The Sampaon Boys, R. Flaher, 5-11-5 Coulding Upsher, J. Charton, 5-11-5 Mr Kinsen 3.45 MALTEY HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £717: ... Whiten Beacon, J. Barris, 5-11-5 ... Harris, 7 Gaffic-Salet (D), Miss S. Rail, 4-10-7 Capped Processions (CD), J. Blundelli, 5-11-12

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6 21u0 Serback (CD), W. A. Stephenson, 8-10-1 Lamb
10 2100 Cashea (CD), W. A. Stephenson, 8-10-1 Lamb
10 2170 Cashea (CD), W. A. Stephenson, 8-10-1 Lamb
10 2170 Chewer General, N. Crump, 10-10-0 ... A. Bruwn
11 poup The Manufacturer, R. Woodhnuse, 9-10-0 Tuck
11 poup The Manufacturer, R. Woodhnuse, 9-10-0 Tuck
11-8 Carndonash, 5-2 Cashea, 9-2 Scrunch. 6-1 Clever
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Latest European snow reports

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Some good powder skiing
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Verbier GERMANY Berchiesgaden SWITZERLAND Adelboden Braunwald

Skiing

sets rivals too fast a target

people came to warch boxing to see knockouts, and blood, and boxers carried out. They wanted their 20 dollars worth: "So many people said that amateur boxing was like painting pictures."

It should be pointed out that this is not true of British crowds. In my experience, the average British crowd react in the opposite way. They do not want to see a man taking unnecessary punishment. As Angelo Dundee

on the first run. and the first run.

The young skier from Olympic Valley, California, brought the American team its first individual victory in a women's World Cup glant slalom since Cindy Nelson's success in 1975. Miss Nelson completed a fine team performance by fluishing renth, six places behind her compatriot, Christine Cooper.

Cooper.

Hanni Weozel of Liechtenstein was a second ahead of the 71 other competitors in the second run, only three weeks after reentering the tough World Cup circuit following injury. The Olympic gold medal winner has little hope of reaching the overall cup leader Marie-Theres Nadig of Switzerland but still aims to fluish in the top three.

Miss Nadig came fifth today to add 11 points to her strong cup position. She said that although she had shaken off a feverish cold, she could have done with stronger legs to weave her way through some of the narrow gate openings.

It was a second disappointing

It was a second disappointing day for the French squad and in particular for their salom specialists Ferrine Pelen and Fabieme Serrat. After quitting in the slalom yesterday, Miss Pelen had to be content with 11th position today. Miss Serrat failed to feature among the points-winning first 15.

The Swiss girl Erika Hess, brilliant winner of yesterday's skelom, also found the giant course difficult and finished 14th.

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Swimming Miss Davies is

unavailable Sharron Davies, the winner of the individual medley silver medal at the Moscow Olympic Games, at the Moscow Olympic Games, has decided not to compete in the Speedo world meeting in Amersfoort, from January 30 to February 1. Miss Davies, having recently moved from Plymouth, is busy trying to settle into training schedules and her new life in 1 coden. She will also be involved in a children's television series

SOOD.
TEAM: Mon: J. Collins (Millfold),
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(Coventry), A. Moorhouse (Leeds),
P. Morris 'Southend), D. Stacey (Norwich), J. Weiker (Manchester),
Women: S. Cooper (Sarnot), J. Croft
(Wigan), N. Fibbons (Haffield), P.
Jones (Coventry), A. Osgerby (Wigan),
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Strange) 12-10-13

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TOTE: Win. 40s: places, 23r. 20p:
dual F: 53r. CSF: £2.24. J. Old.
Salishury, 44. sh hd. 7 ran, Tranilho.
(10-1), 4th. 2.45 (2.47) ST MARYCHURCH HUR-016 (Handicap: £1,516: 2m 150 yds)

TOTE: Win. E. 1.55: places. 36s, 45p, 15p; dual F. E. 77, CSF: 516.51. F. Walwyn Lambourn. J. 101. 13. 78s. Enlebbe (2-1 fay). Curronade (9-1), 4th. Royal Friend inlined first but after an objection, was disqualified and placed last.

STATE OF GOING (official): Kempton Park, good to soft. Catterick Bridge, soft. Baydock Park (to-morrow), soft; heavy in back straight. Warwick (tomorrow), heavy. OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Schwoppes

Words (J. Blumenw) 5-11-5 K. Mooney (12-1) 7 Waltow M. Ayulfe (11-1) 2 Glddycau J. Francome (6-1) 3

5.45 (3.48) CHELSTON HURDLE (DIV II: Navices; £694; 2m 514) (Div II: Novices: £691; 2m 5'4)
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Mantegna-Fakennis iN. Stephers: 1
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Braun J. Williams (50-1) 3
TOTE: Win. 590; piaces 11p, 14p,
91p; dual F: £1.90 CSF: 54.12. J,
Spearing, Alcaster, 41, 12, 18 ran.
PlacePOT: £62.40,

PARLIAMENT, January 22, 1981

Clash between PM and Mr Foot over level of unemployment

House of Commons
If unemployment fell now as much
as it did during the last 18 months
of the Labour Government, the
Prime Minister would claim it was
the biggest miracle since the loaves
and fishes, Mr Michael Foot,
Leader of the Opposition, said during exchanges with the Prime
Minister about the unemployment
figures to be published next Tuesdey.

Mrs Thatcher should help us on a matter about which she is directly responsible. That is the announceresponsible. That is the amounted ment that is to be made next Tuesday about the unemployment figures which the Secretary of State for Employment (Mr Prior) has already announced are likely to

has already announced are likely to be appalling.

We will be faced on Tuesday with appalling and unprecedented figures of unemployment. We see the recent announcements in Liverpool and elsewhere of further additions to that terrible total.

The Prime Minister should assure us of what we have asked for on a number of occasions, that a statement on this all-important matter will be made in the House of Commons and that the Government will provide an immediate

ment will provide an immediate opportunity for debate on this matter for which it is primarily responsible.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C): No. The statement on the unemployment figures will be made in the way it has been, made year in and year out. As Mr Foot will already have observed, Mr Prior is top for questions on Tuesday.

Mr Foot: Mrs Thatcher does not yet understand that we are faced month by month by far worse unemployment figures than anything we have had since the end of the we have had since the end of the war. If Conservative MPs do not

understand that, they show how little they understand what is hapwhen is Mrs Thatcher going to take responsibility for all the afflictions she has brought on the than 100 per cent. He at no time took the course he is now advocat-ing. (Conservative cheers.) Ing. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Prior is answering questions on Mr Prior is answering questions on Tuesday for something like 45 returns to the House merely to minutes.

quote Conservative Central Office handours, she should look up the figures and understand that when we were in office we fought against those figures and were bringing them down.

If Mrs Thatcher could say she had brought down the unemployment figures to the figures we had over the last 18 months of office, she would say it was the biggest she would say it was the biggest miracle since the loaves and the

fishes.

She is responsible for what is happening and it is high time she came to the House to face it. (Labour cheers.) Port checks

(Labour cheers.)

Mrs Thatcher, opening a file in front of her, said: I will certainly accept his invitation to look at the figures. I took the precaution of bringing them with me... (Labour protests.) I am entitled to answer the question.

When Mr Foot took over as Secretary of State for Employment, unemployment was 618,413. By July 1976, the figure was 1,500,000. In August 1977, it was 1,633,000 and the following August was also at 1,600,000. The following August it had fallen to just 1,500,000. They indeed went up during Mr Foot's time.

Unemployment rose by more than 100 per cent. That also was distressing. I can understand his distress. What I do not understand is his symhetic anger over procedural matters. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Foot: What we and the country wonder is when Mrs Thatcher is going to show any sense of distress for what she has achieved. Since she has the figures she should say how much is the increase in unem how much is the increase in unem-ployment since she took office. Mrs Thatcher: I also happen to have those figures. We took over an unemployment position at a base figure of 1,340,595, almost twice as much as the base figure Mr Foot took over.

The December figures were 2,133,000. Mr Foot while Secretary of State witnessed an unemployment increase by more than 100 per cent.

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Nirs Thatcher: While Mr Fnot was Secretary of State for Employment, unemployment rose by more than 100 per cent He at the state of the sta per cent. be announced in the way they have been announced for a long time.

EEC plan to conserve fish welcomed

The Government was proposing an forcease in the size of bass that could be caught from 26cms to 38cms. Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said during exchanges on the conservation of fish stocks. He said that these proposals were to be discussed with the industry in a week or so's

Mr Peter Milis (West Devon, C) had asked the minister to look into the problems of fishing hass at Eddystone Rock where stocks were still being raped. Mr Buchanau-Smith (Angus, North

proposal to set up an independent inspectorate to ensure that all member states enforced conservation measures in their own waters. Mr Mills: We can never relax in this area. Will the minister look again at what is happening in the South-West of England, particularly as regards mackerel stocks where there is evidente of much smaller fish and much smaller

Will he see what he can do to stocks will be gone? Mr Buchanan-Smith: We can never relax our efforts on proper fish conservation. The decimation that has occurred of particular stocks, and most of all herring, is

an object lesson to us all.

On mackerel, we have had licensing for some four years. These restrictions are based on scientific evidence. We also introduced for a considerable period of last year a large area of the South West where no fishing for mackerel could take place at all.

place at all.

Mr Donald Stewart (Western Isles, Scot Nat): Why is he so complacent about this? Illegal French fishing has been allowed to go on with impunity. And he is at present making agreements with alleged partners who have so little regard for conservation that they have cleaned up all fheir own stock.

Mr Buchanan-Smith: I am in no way completent. He speaks of complacent. He speaks of countries not enforcing their regulations; therefore I hope I will have his support in the negotia-tions in Europe on the proposals for proper supervision.

Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C): Will the Government use all its good offices to try and break the deadlock between the Cauadian Government and the American Government which is making it impossible to secure an agreement on a convention which is crucial to the conservation of salmon stocks. Mr Buchanan-Smith: The proposed convention is important, if not vital, to the preservation and conservation of salmon stocks. We will do everything we can in relation to this.

Mr James Johnson (Kingston upon Hull, West, Lab): Since he accepts there are too many vessels catching too few fish, and since he is in favour of the licensing system, what chance does he think he has of persuading other EEC states to adopt such a system, particularly France and Denmark? Mr Buchanan-Smith: Licensing is simply one tool of fisheries conser vation. The important thing is to agree first on total allowable cerned.

Mr Buchanan-Smith, answering further questions, said that only a settlement that was agreed internationally could be properly effective and could conserve fish stocks. Mr Roy Mason, chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture, fish-eries and food (Barnsley, Lab): So far the proposals that have come from the Commission on the common fisheries policy have not been accepted by the industry or by this

As we are near the crunch either of success or a sell out, will be explain what are the minimum demands he will make on behalf of the United Kingdom fishing at next week's EEC Fisheries Council? It is the we had laid down before is time we had laid down before the House the minimum demands of the Government. of the Government.

Mr Buchanan-Smith: The proposals and deal available at the last Fisherles Council in December, as the Secretary of State for Scotland (Mr George Younger) announced to the House, had the broad support of the representatives of the fishing industry; of the United Kingdom. Mr Mason cannot go or cavilling the way he does; he appears not to want; a settlement.

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Competitiveness only road for the future

The vast majority of people in this country, the 90 per cent who were working, had an increase in real people were fed up with being terms in their income last year of 4 per cent, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said at question time.

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She was replying to Mr Michael Meacher (Oldham, West, Lab) who said: Is the Prime Minister satisfied that in its first six mouths the Government, according to the Treasury, gave away £550m to the richest 1 per cent of the population; then in the last 13 months, according to the latest unemployment indicators, forced more than one million of the pooress members of society on to the dole queue.

queue.

It is a symbol of Tory rule that this Government has engineered the biggest increase in meanstested poverty in this country in 12 months since 1932. Mrs Thatcher: I endorse the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer's policy for reducing the rates of income ax right up the income scale. He did that in 1979. It was necessary

increased

Fenner (Rochester and C) said during questions.

of a egg. (Laughter.)

on exports

of eggs
It was patently absurd for British eggs to be exported to Europe and then to be reimported, Mrs Peggy Fenner (Rochester and Chatham,

She added that if newspaper reports of this were true, the British housewife had a right to be protected. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agri-

culture, Fisheries and Food (Worcester, C): Yes. It is quite difficult to trace the identity, orig-inal location and final destination

I have substantially increased the amount of inspection going on at ports and if anybody can pro-vide me with any evidence of such practices, we will take immediate

Earlier Mr Walker said propo

sals were due to be put to the January Council of Ministers meet-ing concerving unfair competition and dissimilarities of practice

throughout the Community in the poultry industry.

He added: I do not know if due

to the sad death of Mr Gundelach there will be any delay in putting these proposals forward.

This is a marrer of considerable

which is operating under disadvantages and I hope action will be taken this month.

she ask the Leader of the Opposi-tion why it is that as Saturday approaches his statements regard-ing his own attitude towards nu-Mrs Thatcher: I understand the point but the task of the Leader of the Opposition is not to answer questions and I hope it never will be. (Laughter.) Sir William Clark (Croydon, South, C): If the nationalized industries over the past 12 months had kept prices down as the private sector had, probably we would be enjoying an inflation rate in Clark (Croydon, single figures.

This gives strength to the argument that this country does not need more nationalization but less.

Mrs Thatcher: I agree. It is vital that the nationalized industries

sector is and has to do.

Mr Peter Hordern (Horsham and Crawley, C): A number of pay settlements reported to the CBI in settlements reported to the CSI in the private sector are now in single figures. In view of this, will she announce a charge in the method of determining pay in the public sector, bearing in mind the substantial advantages of security of employment, pensions, and, not least of all, of Professor Clegg? Mrs Thatcher: He is correct. Many

pay settlements in the private sector are not only in single figures, but well down and this augurs well for realism in future.

The determination of pay in the public sector is subject to cash ilmits and these are being fixed in accordance with what the Government feels that the taxpayer and ratepayer can afford. That is the only way to do it. Ilmits and these are being fixed in accordance with what the Government feels that the taxpayer and ratepayer can afford. That is the only way to do it.

Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey, Tottenham, Lab): Mrs Thatcher referred to those wage settlements notified to the CBI as being in single figures. She then went on to say for those workers who by the recent bailing out of Massey Ferguson and others by the Bank of cent cut in their living standards.

the period of recovery and that necessary economies in public spending were achieved so that

England and other clearing banks over the course of the past few It has taken Mrs Thatcher's Government two years less than the last Tory Government headed by Mr Edward Heath to set the life-

How does she explain to all those thousands of small firms being kicked to death by the Tory Government that they have to stand the test of market furces. while multi-marionals, and others are rescued by her policy and the Bank of England. Mrs Thatcher: I would have thought Mr Skinner would have been critical had the banks not got together to do what they could.

Mrs Thatcher: Until we ger to a position where wages bear some relation to output, we shall not get competitive industry, job prospects or prosperity.

Mr. Hilary Miller (Bromsgrove and Redditch, C): It is only by competitive and productive industry that employment and wages can be increased. increased.

In that context, she should point to the success of the BL Metro project with 1,000 additional workers taken on at Christmas and bonus earnings at a rate of more than £10 a week.

Mrs Thatcher: I agree. We have to be competitive in order to improve standards of living in this world. It is astonishing how much difficulty there is getting that across to certain quarters of the House. It is the only road for the future.

I am delighted about the Metro and we wish it every success. There will be a statement about British Leyland early next week.

the slim-lining and the absence

of disruption.

The one thing that could guarantee failure of any plant was for social disorder and disruption

tent newspapers—important for the freedom of the press in this country—could be closed down in March. I am surprised that any MP in all quarters should not regard this as a matter of some significance. He hoped that Mr Pym would give an undertaking that he would rearrange the business so that the House could have a debate on it on Monday.

Demand for

on sale of

The Times'

A request for a debate in the Commons on the possible sale of The Times and Sunday Times was made by Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition, during questions on the business for next week.

Air Foot (Ebbw Vale, Lab) said:
On the question of the possible sale
of The Times and Sunday Times,
we think that should be debated in
the House.

We hope that the Chancelor of
the Ducks of Lancaster ide-

We hope that the character (Mr. the Duchy of Lancaster (Mr. francis Pym) will agree in the light of shat may be amounted

light of what may be amounted today which will become a mare of extreme urgency.
In the way the management have dealt with this matter those impor-

debate

Mr Pym: As to The Times, we have not yet had an announce-ment. We do not know what it is going to be, but we understand it will be at 5 o'clock today. will be at 5 o'clock today.

Certainly it is important but I do
not think it can be right to rearrange the business for Monday as
Mr Foot has asked.

Mr David Winnick (Walsell, North, Lab): There is widespread concern that ownership of The Times will fall into the hands of a person with already very substan-tial press holdings in Britain, even if you leave aside the controversial political role he has in another

there should be an immediate statement in this House. Mr Pym: I do not know about a statement, but obviously events will unfold in the course of the

Mr Frank Allaun (Salford, East, Lab): At 5 pm it will be announced that Rupert Murdoch's bid for The Times has been accepted. Will the Secretary of State for Trade (Mr John Biffen) therefore be asked to make an announcement to the House next week on whether or not he will refer it to the Monopolies Commission? I ask because Rupert Murdoch aircady owns the Sunday with the biggest circulation and the daily with the biggest circulation in this country, quite spart from his extremely reactionary views and placing a man of that kind in control of The Times.

Mr Pym: The point has been well made by the Leader of the Opposi-tion and others. I shall draw what he says to the minister's attention. It is not wise for the Leader of the House to make an announcement on a bypothesis.

During earlier questions to the Prime Minister. Mr Foot, said: On Tuesday Mrs Thatcher said that a question about the sale of The Times and The Sunday Times to Mr Rupert Murdoch was premaa statement this afternoon. Can she say whether she has now had time to reconsider the ques-tion and whether she will imme-diately and properly refer this mat-ter to the Monopolies Commission. Mrs Thatcher: I will give him a direct answer as I did on Tuesday. No application for transfer has yet been received. I will not be driven into a premature reply. Mr Foot : If she is so diffident in making any reply on this matter, will she give an undertaking that before a final decision is made on

will have a chance of giving its view on the question? Mrs Thatcher: The only undertak-ing I can give to Mr Foot is that if and when an application is received I will consider and the Secretary of State for Trade (Mr John Biffen) will consider it in

accordance with the law, which is the Act of 1973. Mr Timothy Rathbone (Lewes, C): Whatever Mr Foot does in barping upon the future of *The Times*, it is this side of the House which is most concerned about freedom of the press (Labour laughter)-compared to the Labour policy the press in Pcopic and the Media Mrs Thatcher: I entirely agree. The policy in the Labour Party's People and the Media would have been a policy for censorship of the

The Illustrated London News accompanied the

record, in colour, of his journey.

goes behind the scenes at Crufts

House of Commons Today at 9.50: Private members' motion on the reports of the Committee to Review the Functioning of Financial mathrities.

False image causing damage: Wales not home of disorder, decay and dereliction

in Wales was likely to continue for some time to come, although for some time to come, atthough it seemed increasingly probable that the first signs of economic recovery would be seen this year, Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, said opening a debate on Welsh affairs.

Mr Edwards (Pembroke, C) said that since the last debate on this subject last year there had been a further substantial rise in the level of unemployment in Wales. Labour MPs would emphasize this all too shocking fact. I criti-cize them (he said) for the shamecize them (he said) for the shameless manager in which they seek to
exploit that fact regardless of
their own record and their own
share of the responsibility, and
their total failure to produce even
a semblance of an economic
policy to provide a remedy.

Lack of competitiveness lay at
the heart of these difficulties.

Lianwern and Port Talbot in a
year were becoming the most
competitive steel-making plants in
Europe. The success of the slim
line operation and the support of
the British Steel Corporation's
corporate plants by the majority of the British Steel Corporation's corporate plans by the majority of the employees pointed the way to recovery in Wales.

They had rid themselves of many of the most destructive industrial practices of the past and were encouraging more realistic wabe settlements than in recent years. That return to competitiveness and the lack of industrial disruption matched by a cominuing fall in inflation had to be set beside the hugh unemployment level.

That return to competitiveness increasingly gave grounds for increasingly gave grounds for confidence that Britain could regain a larger share in markets in this country and abroad.

Many fail to take up one-parent benefit

Mr John Major (Huntingdonshire, C) asked the Secretary of State for Social Services, whether his department had completed its review of the take-up of child benefit increase. benefit increase.

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Under Secretary for Social Security, in a written reply, said: Based on the latest available figures (November 1979), it is estimated that take-up remains at about 60 per cent of those who stand to gain by claiming Child Benefit Increase (the premium, worth £3 per week, paid to one parent families).

This is a disappointing conclusion, since a wide variety of measures are taken to bring CB(I) to the attention of lone parent including a number introduced during the last year. Nevertheless, on November 26 1980 there were 438,000 recipients of CB(I), with some 10,000 new claims a month over recent months. This compares with 377,900 recipients on November

28 1979 and 306,000 on December 1 I hope that the increase in numbers indicates that publicity measures are increasingly effec

Having reviewed the position, the Secretary of State for Social Services (Mr Patrick Jenkins) has decided that a change of name should be made to bring CB(I) to the attention of potential beneficiaries.

tial beneficiaries.

We propose, therefore, to change the name from "Child Benefit Increase" to "One Parent Benefit". The change will take place in April 1981 by which time the necessary changes to forms, leaflets and orders books etc should have been made.

I hope this change will make it clear that the extra 13 per week is for lone parents, and that will realise more readily A further stimulus will be provided by the recently published Green Paper on the taxation of husband and wife, which is ex-

pected to give rise to much public discussion. Chapter 9 of the green paper dicusses the question of whether the additional personal tax allowance (APA) for lone parents should be converted into a cash benefit in the form of a higher rate of child benefit increase. This will naturally help to focus additional attention on child benefit increase. The main business in the House of Commons next week will be:

Monday: Forestry Bill, second reading.

Toesday: British Nationality Bill, second reading.

Wednesday: British Nationality Bill, second reading.

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increase.

I shall keep the take-up of CB(I) under review. Any further initiatives, to publicize the benefit will be considered in the Ught of the response to the green paper discussion and of the subsequent decision as to whether or not to convert the APA into a cash benefit.

No debate on murder of politician

An appeal by Mr James McCusker (Armagh, Off UU) for an emer-gency debate on what he described as the serious acceleration of the IRA campaign of genocide across the frontier of the United Kingdom which resulted by the other in the the frontier of the United Kingdom which resulted last night in the murder of the soveriegn's personal representative in County Armagh, Sir Norman Stronge and his son James which was likely to lead to yet further bloodshed in that part of the United Kingdom, was refused by The Speaker (Mr George Thomas.)

Parliamentary notices

spending were achieved so that resources could increasingly be switched to productive industry. Government funding must continue to be devoted to assisting the process of change and ease the position of unemployment, particularly youth memployment. His principal criticism of the report of the Select Committee on Weish Affairs, and the reason why the Government could not accept some of its recommendations, was some of its recommendations, was because it failed to put its recommendations in the United Kingdom context. It was a select committee's role to advocate, to argue, to probe, to examine and expose, and by using those techniques to improve —but not to govern. The responsibility for decisions taken was to remain with the executive which was answerable to Parliament. was answerable to Parliament.

It was natural and perhaps inevitable for the Select Committee for Welsh Affairs to seek to obtain the maximum for Wales but it remained the Job of the Government to balance the interests of the whole United Kingdom. A select committee may seek to totally overturn a government's economic policy but it must not be surprised if that advice was rejected. At the end of the day it was for the Government to accept the responsibility for what was done.

was done.

It was simply not true, as had been reported, that the Government had rejected all but two of the committee's recommendations. The reality was that the Govern-ment had accepted or agreed with abour a third of what the committee had recommended or con-cluded and in some cases what it had pressed for had already come to pass.
The Government would continue

destocking process was nearly at an end and there were signs that the rate of output had bottomed out, and already business creation to provide substantial financial are not only wrong, they are to only making a claim which can only industries to modernize, to improve the infrastructure and to encourage the Creation and deconsidering the severity of the recession.

The Government must ensure that the gains in productivity were maintained as Britain moved into

There was no evidence that site developments preparation and factory building on a larger scale in the past year would have led to a faster inward investment or the production of new jobs in manufacturing industry. The reality was that factories had been available throughout the period for any prential investor.

The truth is (he said) we face a formidable challenge in the coming year to fill factories that are nearing completion.

If assistance was to be carried forward over a long period and a programme of change and industrial regeneration was to be set in flow, it was vital that there should be a stimulation and encouragement for an increasing quantity of private sector investment in the factory building programme. That was not possible if the market was swamped.

The other major area of distance in the context maj There was no evidence that site The other major area of disagreement was over the committee's comments on the possibility of serious social disorder in Wales.

In particular there had been the emphasis given to that by the chairman in his press conference. Lirile evidence was put forward at the time to support the sug-gestion and in the event the great mass of the Weish people had shown far more good sense and judgment than they were given credit for. credit for.
Unfortunately the suggestion
has been used (he said) much more as an excust for militancy and the threat has been seen as a

weapon to change Government Those who claim, and I believe the MP for Pontypool (Mr Leo Abse) is among them, that the statement and the threat led to the decision to reopen Llanwern are not only wrong, they are making a claim which can only be regarded as a further encouragement to social disorder.

for social disorder and disription to occur there.

The suggestion (he continued) has significantly added to the difficulty of attracting new industry to revitalize the Welsh economy. In all my discussions on the Immos project and other possible developments within the United Kingdom, as well as in my visit to the United States, I have been left in no doubt at all that United Kingdom, as well as in my visit to the United States, I have been left in no doubt at all that the greatest single obstacle we face. To industrial recovery in Wales—(Labour objections)—is the entirely false image of Wales held by some . . (Loud and continued Labour objections.)

I repeat that statement with all the emphasis that I can command; that this is an entirely false Image which is damaging Wales. The false image given is that it is the home of disorder and an area of decay and dereliction and a place decay and dereliction and a place where outsiders will be made un-welcome or their houses burnt down. (More Labour objections.) The reality is entirely different. But those who by their words and actions, and there are those on the benches opposite, reinforce that myth, do incalculable damage to the people of Wales.

They had to face the fact that over the next three or four years they might see further closures they might see further closures of loss-making coalmines. But the NCB might find opportunities for additional investment to strengthen the position of many pits in Wales,

increasing job opportunities He had today given approval to the Development Board for Rural Wales's construction programme for 1981-82 outside Newtown. This provided for a start on the con-struction of 24 new factories and two factory extensions, with a total floor space of 73,000 square feet. When the factories in the current and newly approved programmes had been completed and fully occupied the board would have a total of 283 factories, providing over 7,000 jobs.

There was encouraging activity There was encouraging activity in filling advance factories and in

Wales being offered nothing but despair

Mr. Alec Jones, chief Opposition The Select Committee report spokesman on Wales (Rhondda, was a package of proposals which high Government investment in members, concluded that there was desperate need for cluding all the Conservative high Government investment in members, concluded that there was desperate need for cluding all the Conservative high Government investment in members, concluded that there was desperate need for cluding all the Conservative high Government investment in members, concluded that there was desperate need for cluding all the Conservative high Government investment in members, concluded that there was desperate need for cluding all the Conservative high Government investment in members, concluded that there was desperate need for cluding all the Conservative high Government investment in members, concluded that there was desperate need for cluding all the Conservative was a package of proposals which high Government investment in members, concluded that there was desperate need for cluding all the Conservative was a package of proposals which high Government investment in members, concluded that there was desperate need for cluding all the Conservative was a package of proposals which high Government investment in members, concluded that there was desperate need for cluding all the Conservative was a package of proposals which high Government investment in members, concluded that there was desperate need for cluding all the Conservative was a package of proposals which high Government investment in members, concluded that there was desperate need for cluding all the Conservative was a package of proposals which high Government was a package of proposals which high Government investment in members, concluded that there was desperate need for cluding all the Conservative was a package of proposals which high Government was a package of proposals which has a canons were specially implemen-ted, not only would Wales cominue with its present high unemployment suffering, it would also, be incapable of benefiting from any upture in the economy that might come about. In 1980, there had been 118,966 notified redundancies which was a clear indication of the scale of the problems and a valid reason for expecting a better response from the Government. In many parts of Wales, unemployment was long-lasting and this was causing considerable hardship. There were memployment black spots which were partly obscured by the official statistics. In discussions with the Govern-

in this country and abroad.

This came at a time when the destocking process was nearly at an end and there were signs that the rate of putput had bottomed out, and already business creation and investment was better than the Government might have hoped, considering the severity of the recession.

ment, the Secretary of State for Wales should at least seek to ensure that the British Steel Corporation enjoyed the same advan-tages as did Britain's competitors in Europe. of subsidy on coking coal as West Germany, it would be f135m a year better off. If it had the same aid for transport as other aid for transport as other countries in the EEC, it would be flom a year better off. High energy prices penalized the BSC lf the BSC had the same level somewhere between £50m and £70m E70m.
The coal industry had received nothing but a rebuff from the Government. Coal imports had risen to 7.5 million tonnes last year. It was not logical to import 7.5 million tonnes in the same year as 38 million tonnes of British coal were stocked underground.

been implemented, they would have brought hope at least to Wales. There was not much hope in many parts of Wales roday. Instead, Mr Edwards' response was so out of tune with the life of Wales, that he had produced a: miserly report offering nothing but despair. He had failed to fulfil his obligations to Wales and had earned the contempt of the Welsh people.

Labour MPs. would be voting against him, against the Government's response and against the

Mr Ifor Davies (Gower, Lab) said action the Government could take immediately was to reverse its policy of downgrading the special development areas. By the end of the year the value of regional assistance in real terms was likely to be half of what it was in the mid-1970s. miid-1970s.

Sir Raymond Gower (Barry, C) said if the Government was persuaded, as he was, that Wales had had to bear a somewhat disproportionate share of the cutting down of the steel industry and a crippling loss of jobs in the main industries; there was a case for some special treatment.

Mr Barry Jones (Fast Blint Lab) Mr Barry Jones (East Flint, Lab) said that Wales needed a massive investment in a public works programme—a new deal on the scale that President Roosevelt brought in before the World War Two. Mr Geraint Howells (Cardigan, L) said that even the most fervent monetarists must admit that Wales was not a place for them to carry out their bizarre experiments.

British Nationality Bill on Tuesday

ment becoming a permanent fea-ture of Welsh life, undermining the confidence of a whole nation and destroying communities. Mr David Williams (Montgomery, C) said the Government must give Wales the conditions to get out of the mess it was in by its own efforts. Wales did not want handefforts. Wales did not want handouts. There had been handouts in
Wales—particularly in South
Wales—for 50 years and South
Wales—for 50 years and South
Wales was still a depressed area.
Subsidies did not create jobs;
employers created jobs. If the Goverument gave employers the right
conditions, jobs would be created.
Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarvon, Pl
Cymru) said the debate was tho
last chapter in a charade since
March, 1979. The select committee
bad not reflected option in Wales
and the party political balance of and not reliected opimon in waters and the party political balance of the committee showed that. Six out of 11 members were Conservative, when the overwhelming proportion of the Welsh electorate had rejected the Conservatives.

The Government's attitude to the report had been the first attitude to the conservatives. report had been the final explosion of the myth that the select commit-tee would have taken the place of the assembly.
Sir Anthony Meyer (West Plint, C)

said unemployment was the supreme peace time evil and it was far worse than falls in living standarts. No one wanted unemployment and if the Labour Party claimed a monopoly of concern it damaged parliamentary democracy. racy.
Air Leo Abse, for the Opposition,
(Pontypool, Lab) said Whitehall
treated the Welsh Office with contempt. The select committee, in-

for disseminating information on matters of vital importance for Wales. The Secretary of State fared no better himself. The committee con-cluded that he was left in igno-rance about vital issues concerning Did anyone believe that when the Did anyone believe that when the Home Secretary delivered his speech at Cambridge reneging upon the fourth television channel that the Secretary of State had been privy to that decision? Bir Edwards: That decision like all other important decisions affecting Wales was taken collectively by the Government, and of course the Government and of course the Welsh Office and I was involved fully in that decision.

fully in that decision.

Mr Abse: And the somersaults that have taken place, I presume he was privy to those too? The gymnastics that have taken place on the television world in Wales, has he taken full responsibility?

Mr Michael Roberts, Under Secretary for Wales Cardiff, North-West, C), said great emphasis had been placed on the fact that the members of the select committee were unsulmous but that unanimembers of the select committet were unaufmous, but that unaufmous but that unaufmity had largely disappeared by the end of the first press conference. The chairman, by his subsequent partisaship, irresponsible development of the fears of social disorder and apparent preparedness to take to the streets like the Chartists of old had divided the committee, damaged his reputation and done nothing to improve the and done nothing to improve the economic prospects of Wales. The motion for the adjournment

was rejected by 296 votes to 246-Government majority, 50. North Sea oil

Mr Hamish Gray, Minister of State for Energy, in a written reply, said: Disposals of North sea oil to United Kingdom refineries during the eleven months January to November 1980 were 50 per cent of total United Kingdom North Sea crude oil production.

Severn barrage Mr John Moore, Under Secretary for Energy, in a written reply, said: The Severn Barrage Commit-tee is now concluding its work and will be reporting to me shortly.

reading. Tuesday: Wildlife and Countryside mals Act 1951 (Amendment) Bill, committee (first day.) Bill of and Representation of the Bill Bill, second readings. Thursday: Debate on reports of the Public Accounts Committee. Improving control over mineral workings

House of Lords
Inadequate or non-existent restoration after mineral working had
finished had caused much land
dereliction, Lord Bellwin, Under
Secretary for the Environment, said.

He was moving the second reading of the Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Bill which aims to Improve planning control over mineral working and to assist with and restoration when working ends. He said the legislation would

also lead to a streamlined and more efficient working system: It was important that local auth-orities should keep mineral workings under review lady Birk (Lab) for the Opposi-tion; said they welcomed the Sill. It was probably the most important legislation on minerals since 1947. The Opposition was concerned, however, that little was being done to deal with historical dereliction which still scarred the landscape of many areas. The BID should make some statutory reference to this.

control.

Lord Reaument of Whitley (L) said the Government had done a good job particularly because it had been subjected to pressure from miling companies and pre-servationists. One of the things it was possible to be most thankful for was the power which remained in the hands of the local authori-

Lord Nugerit of Guildford (C) said he was chairman of the regional planning authority for London and the South East which had a particular interest in aggregate working. In the past, the environment department had simply left local authorities and the industry to light it out on the ground. Now it was realized that martnership, was was realized that partnership was

a 10-year restoration programme when the funds were available. Otherwise, people would be opposed to new workings.

They needed to be confident that restoration would be carried out to rid the landscape of sodden, useless land and eyesores. Lord Sandford (C) said there were too many demands on the limited land available for any amount to be lying about in a mess, underused under-productive, and un ti-joyed. On the other hand the country could not afford to over-look or neglect the considerable variety of indigenous mineral resources.

The reviews provided for in the Bill were a welcome innovation, but was the Government being realistic about the capacity of the staffs of the mineral planning authorities and the resources of those authorities to make a proper job of these reviews and to face up to the costs that would be javolved and the company the costs would be provided and needed.

People were bostile to further extraction because of the mud. these reviews and to fuce up to the dust, and traffic these workings costs that would be involved and brought. The Government should the compensation that would have commit itself to a survey of old

Lord Boardman (C) said some workings would be uneconomic if they were restricted or modified and not entitled to compensation and not entitled to compensation for any loss or costs incurred. The Earl of Mansfield, Minister of State for Scotland, said the Bill provided a framework which would give some planning authorities power to deal with recalcitrant operators who just did not accept their environmental responsibilities. The good operator had nothing to fear.

their environmental responsibilities. The good operator had nothing to fear.

If, eventually, further measures for enforcement of planning control for minerals became necessary they would be introduced.

There was already a system of derelict laud grants which could be used to restore old mineral workings. There was no need for the Bill to do more on-this.

The way forward now was for local authorities to develop proposals for particular sites. The Government hoped the industry would wish to be fully involved in this process. The Bill was read a second time.

Defensive move to combat soft credits

Mr Peter Emery (Honiton, C) asked what further measures the Government intended to take to help United Kingdom exports to combat offers of unusually soft credit terms by their oversess competitors.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Minister of State for Trade, in a written reply, said: Britain remains an active supporter of international efforts to restrict and eventually to ban the use of unusually soft export credits, typically of the French credit-mixte variety, which distort normal patterns of comdistort normal patterns of com-

distort normal patterns of commercial trading.

Until these efforts succeed out best deterrent to soft credit practices by others lies in an effective matching policy.

The Aid and Trade Provision (ATP) is available from the aid programme to provide matching support in pursuit of developmentally sound projects in ald-worthy countries. worthy countries. However, there can be difficul-ties over judging the develop-mental soundness of a project in time when decisions on matching terms have to be taken at short notice, and in any case the ATP does not always fit the circum-stances.

does not always fit the circumstances.

The Export Credits Guarantee Department has powers to provide grants whereby the United Kingdom can match the concessionality of foreign offers in the non-aid field by lowering the effective interest rate to the overseast customer.

The operation of these powers is not linked to developmentally criteria.

Accordingly we have now decided to make a limited and we decided to make a limited and we have of such ECGD powers.

They will be available as a proving the United Kingdom in growing the United Kingdom in the United Kingdom in the such ability to counter foreign offers of unusually soft terms where this would be in the national interest. The new scheme will come into operation on February 2: 1941, and £2m in 1981-82 and £4m in 1982-83 have been set aside for the purpose.

Agnes Baltsa and Kirl te Kanawa

For the current revival of Mozart's Cost fan tutte our

Royal Opera has assembled a superior cast under Sir Colin

Pavis, both for eloquent delivery of the music and pointful.

lliuminating enacument of Da Ponte's compact, hard-hitting drama, John Copley's produc-tion is nearly 13 years old, but he has tended it carefully,

adjusting the balance for every

There is only one newcomer

in the present revival, Smart

Burrows who sings Ferrando's music as roundly, with as much spirit, warmth, and elegance of

trumped a melting first-act aria

on Wednesday with a splendidly heroic "Tradito, schemito" (excellent woodwind

playing, as throughout the evening, insomuch that the omission of "ah, lo veggio"

was retrospectively regrettable,

though there was still "Volgi a me" to come, and it was no disappointment. This cast re-

quired a jolly Ferrando, which suited Burrows more in Albanian fancy dress, with roll-ing eyes and delighted chuckles, than as the boisterous military

the soulful, serious courtier.

tion because the two sisters change character during the action. At first Kiri te Kanawa's

Fiordiligi is the madcap, a dizzy blonde whose "Come scoglio",

a virtuoso account, is patently a self-defensive emotional dis-

guise. Agnes Baltsa's Dorabella,

contrariwise, is the bookish, serious girl, from whose lips

readily accepted.

Billy Connolly

Apollo, Victoria

Robert Shelton

tion and flamlence.

days in Glaszow.

Smanie implacabili" may be

Dorabella begins to weaken

at Despina's advice to enjoy love, and by the duet "Pren-dero" both girls are in fits

of amorous giggles. She capitu-

The laughing laureate of the loo, the bawdy bard of bodily

behaviour, was in his glory on

Wednesday night with a packed

house and the promise of 10

more. All had come to revel at Billy Connolly's jokes about

mucus, tumescence, regurgita-

Connolly the eternal second-former to whom nothing is sacred or profane resembles an

ip-ended mop that shared a

hairdresser with Rasputin and Charles Manson. He touched on the idiocy of Toffs' tussling

over a teapot at Harrod's sale

and over-doctored Americans seeking dandruff treatment but

receiving open-heart surgery in-

stead. Mostly he focused on his

special kingdom-growing up

The audience revelled in his

outrageousness and probably identified with his clumsy bad

uck. What is better in a reces-

Before he discovered that his

or hacked by the quintet he dubbed "The Westend Missits".

The music was only what might he called "an inter-lewd" be-

tween his verbal graffiti and

suspenseful anecdores.
.Connolly almost redefines
"bad taste". If it is naughty.

he is at home there. What

could be a better schoolboy's

revenge than to return, as he

a Lancaster loaded with horse

television commercial for a cure

for haemorrhoids was piled high with absurdity. His

gaucheries with early sex were

As the laughter ebbs, though,

you cannot help wishing he would turn more of his wit to-

wards social ends. Billy Con-

nolly has the ability to become

a major satirist, a cathartic

mickeytaker in that larger

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world outside the lavatory.

His mockery of an American

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William Mann

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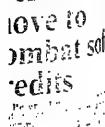
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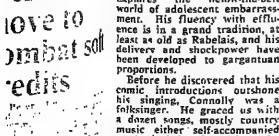
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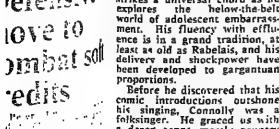
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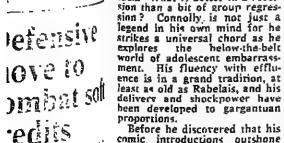




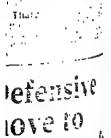














lates in the Locket duet, but reluctantly, like Guglielmo who, from the first, was more intro-

their loving yows are exchanged rather sadly, and the ambi-valence of Mazart's music supports this view also. But

Fiordiliai, importuned by her exotic new lover, finds new

reserves of constancy and seriousness in matters of the

heart, which explains the re-more and solid resolve of "Per picta", sung not only exquisitely but with an even

stronger emotional involvement than one shares with the con-

more self-questioning, dependable people by the end of the opera, better suited to their

original partners. Richard Van Allan's dapper Allonso, at once

kindly and mischievous, can congratulate himself on a valu-

able day's work. Daniela Mazzu-

catu's quite idiosyncratic Des-pina, both sophisticated and gleeful, the comic business almost spilling over in her

second aria, will not care how her charges finally pair off, though she is furious that she did not penetrate the boys' dis-

Cosi fan tuite is as serious

a comedy as the other Mozart and Da Ponte operas. Both

responsible orchestra. Not every-

thing was perfectly in order, musically or otherwise, but the

attention was constantly kept

alert. The third performance will take place on Mozart's hirthday, lanuary 27. He will, if he is listening, shake his head at Sir Colin's capricious

attitude to standard gracing, blunt phrase-endings that ren-

der music commonplace and dowdy, side by side with elegant

classical diction. He ought to

conclude that on halance Cost

at Covent Garden still conveys

what he meant in much the way that he meant it.

For those who have given up the West End play for dead, here is Shaftesbury Avenue's answer to the Mini Metro.

Unashamedly addressed to the

privileged minority, and fully in touch with their present dis-contents, Stanley Price's comedy enlists a rich, hitherto unused,

theme in the traditional West End game of holding the

mirror up to the metropolitan middle class.

Britain has a growing army of homeless families, but at the

same time you have to admit that it is agony trying to sell a house. Frank and Sarah have been at it for four months, now

their children have quit the

nest, but they are still no closer to exchanging contracts on the

flat on which they have set

The first scene introduces the latest of a long string of buy-

ers: a flashy couple in advertis-

ing who vanish on hearing

about the garage space, and an

ience of anybody who has ever

half fun-packed hours. A

glance down the cast list re-

veals one method. Contrary to

prevailing West End practice. there are 11 parts, not count-ing the unseen but insistent

presence of son Ben, a Born

This was the first of six forth-

coming National Theatre pro-

ductions which are to he

presented in advance on BBC

Radio, and that the enterprise

should start with a new play by

Harold Pinter seems, for two

reasons, especially appropriate: here is a writer who made a

start in radio; here is one who,

at least in his recent work, has

been able to meet the demands

of both stage and sound broad-

Family Voices

David Wade

Radio 3

their hearts.

Moving

Queen's

Irving Wardle

The lovers have all become

ventional portrayal.

than his comrade-in-arms;

Paul Mazursky's flirtation with a 'menage à trois' Willie and Phil (X) Ritz/Gate 3, Camden

Atlantic City, U.S.A.

(AA) Curzon

The Baltimore Bullet Empire

Divine Madness (AA) Warner West End

The Exterminator (X) Classic, Haymarket

Paul Mazursky evidently shares Faul Mazursky evidently shares Jean Renoir's faith that "tout le monde a ses raisons". His films (Boh and Carol and Ted and Alice, Next Stop Greenwich Village, An Ummarried Woman! and the New York they generally depict are inhabited by people of good humour, good will, good intentions and embracingly loving natures, who err only in simplicity and excess of guilt. No one should complain, of course, about stories about nice course, about stories about nice people in a contemporary cinema so largely dedicated to violence and unkindness; but there is a danger that when people are ton nice it rather takes the zip out of their relationships.
If Willie and Phil and their

It Willie and Phil and their girl friend Jeannette were not se unfalteringly loving and protective of each other, so giving and forgiving, their mutual relationship might not linger, in tremulous uncertainty, through Mazursky's decade-long panorama of social and intellectual life in middle-class America of the Secondine sides are given their head in this revival whose ceaseless ambivalence gets full support from Sir Colin and his greatly class America of the Seventies. Maybe their trouble-and to an extent that of Mazursky, whose sights have clearly long been set on the "European" art film—begins when they see Jules and Jim at the Bleecker Street Cinema, After that they can neither fully get out of, nor fully enter into a true tripartite relationship, despite their musical chairs strategies. Willie and Phil stay bosom

friends. Jeanette moves in with Willie; but Phil too sleeps with her in a foolish night of ex-periment with acid. Willie and Jeanette have a baby. Willie takes off into fashionable explorations of self-discovery (Ecology, Myszicism, India). Phil goes to the West coast

Again Christian who dispatches

clammy cassettes from Connecti-cut. Colourful characters orbit around the desperately prosaic

Vivaldi after the day's root planning; Sarah a standard British West Hampstead wife

and mother, who applies her

English degree to reading publishers' manuscripts at £10 a time. They do supply some unaided entertainment, as where a

chapter of Sarah's pornographic

homework gets misdirected to a dental journal under her hus-band's signature. But it is sur-

rounding figures such as Sarah's actress kid-sister Liz, and the phlegmatic Jimmy, a

house painter always ready to break off to give lessons in the Alexander Method, who bring

They do so because they are thoroughly involved in the housing crisis, which duly inten-

sifies with an ultimatum from

the flat vendor to complete by

the end of the week. Barbara

ferris's deliciously scatty Liz forms half of a fine double act with the staid Sarah; but the comedy really boils over when

like movement and slowed-down

and spins a plausible story to

this kind is its success in con-

verting a familiar, painful experience into a source of laughter. Moving does this wherever it relates directly to

the property market. It does

nice time", it was impossible not to register a faint sense of

disquiet, to entertain the sus-

picion that this banal utterance

would turn out to mean some

thing other than what it said.

In the ensuing 40 minutes that

suspicion gained a certain

amount of ground. Set mainly.

in the form of alternating ex-

cerpts from a correspondence

between mother (Peggy Ash-croft) and son (Michael Kit-

chen), it departed from this

only to include two speeches by

the boy's recently-dead father (Mark Dignam). Both parties soon revealed that no such cor-

respondence was taking place;

not from the mother because

she did not know where her

son had got to, not from him because, for reasons only hin-ted at in passing but suggesting escape from a stilling relation-

ship, he had cut himself off

The usual test for a play of

the best out of them,

chances of making an offer are tied to a daisy chain stretching to Skegness.

So much is within the experience of anybody who has the same goes for Roger Lloyd Pack's Jimmy with Line.

had a sign outside the front Paul Scofield delivery, who door; and it leaves you wonder- amazingly rises to the occasion

ing how Mr Prize will expand and spins a plausible st a little slice of life into two and keep the buyers biting.

who

and movie mammon and Jeanette goes with him. Wilhe comes back, Jeanette moves on into the world of feminist movie intellectuals. Willie and Phil, abandoned, are together

Throughout these permutations, the characters seem motivated less by any real per-sonal sentiments (apart from a vague Jules and Jim sense of comradely love) than by condi-tioning. Willie is hag-ridden by a Jewish conscience and a Jewish mother with a fervent Jewish faith in marriage, home and nourishing fond. Phil is hag-ridden by an Italian conscience and an Italian mother with a fervent Italian faith in marriage, home and nourishing pasta. Jeannette is inspired by a sense of womanly independ-ence: "I don't belong to either of you !"

Maybe the relationships would seem more incisive, more effective, more compelling if Mazursky were not so reticent about sexuality. Again who should complain, here and today, about a film-maker's retirance about a real Part heavel. icence about sex? But there is too much a sense of things left unsaid. Mazursky honours, for example, an almost forgonen Hollywood convention that frenzies of erotica are con-ducted with trousers firmly belied at the waist.

belied at the waist.

He stops coyly short, too, of what seems the logical completion of the relationship a trois. Willie and Phil bathe naked together; at the end of the film they stroll happily through a Bleecker Street gay carnival, with Phil very much in style with his white cap and clipped moustache. Yet, defying the apparent, in the cause of middle-American morality, the sound track tells us that they both married, had children and lived very ordinary lives. Neither Mazursky nor his characters can ever quite let themselves go into quite let themselves go into the uninhibited, "European" style for which they yearn.

In Atlantic City, USA byways of American dreams are viewed by an authentic "European" eye. After his discovery of the crumbling baroque of old red-light New Orleans in Pretty Baby, Louis Malle explores a city where the decaying pleasure palaces of old days stand side by side with the new casinos thrown with the new casinos thrown up by New Jersey's ambitions to create an Eastern Las

Appropriate to the place, Malie's characters hover between nostalgia and dreams. Lou (Burt Lancaster) feeds his personal myth of having once been a big-time gangster (though the nearest he got to "Dutch" Schultz turns out to have been the neighbouring cell, on a drunk-end-disorderly charge). He cares for Grace

Willie and Phil: Michael Ontkean, Margot Kidder and Ray Sharkey (Kate Reid), the querulous and bedridden widow of an old associate, who remembers that she once came third in a Berry Grable lookalike contest; and peeks at the nearby window where Sally (Susan Sarandon) massages herself with lemon

the sea-food restaurant where she works, while dreaming of becoming a Monte Carlo crou-The only one without dreams (he is just cruel and greedy) is Sally's ex-husband Dave, who drives into town, gets himself shor, and leaves in the laps of Lou and Sally a cache of cocaine, which provides the catalyst to bring them and their dreams together.

juice to eradicate the smell of

Malle's characters, saving Dave, are as likable and funny as Mazursky's, but with their homan frailties a good deal more in evidence. We like more in evidence. We like them just because they are fallible, foolish, mendacious, only vaguely loyal, living on fantasies. And they do go to bed together, uncynically, for pleasure or the sake of kindness. Sally sleeps with Lou our of gratitude for his solicitude; Lou from time to time cheers with poor Grate with small servers. up poor Grace with small sexual services.

Malle's view of things is romantic. In the end, dreams come true: Lou, like a brave little tailor, fells a couple of hoods; Susan is last seen en route to Monte Carlo; Grace rouses herself enough to cop a

cocaine sale. But the attractions of this whimsical existentions of this whimsical existentialism is that we feel it is all impersonator. To sustain the the old familiar story of rival rooted in reality. We happily believe in the people as much as in the bizarre stage-setting provided by Atlantic City,

Michael Ritchie's best films (The Candidate, Smile) have been sharp and funny commentaries on American ways of life, generally the middle-class and small town. Divine Madness is a straight record of an American phenomenon, Bette Midler's stage act.

comment: the camera unflat-teringly catches Ms Midler departed Sophie Tucker. She teringly catches Ms Midler from a low frontal viewpoint, distorted view past her aggressively jutted pelvis and breasts to the caricature features and frizzy blonded hair. If this woman had not existed, he seems to say, Fellini and Lina Wertwuller would have competed to invent her for their personal galleries of female

Ms Midler has turned entertaining into a form of rousing. She uses every trick to stimulate her audience to a pitch of excitement. She stumps about the stage with the peculiar walk which seems to be wholly activated by the buttocks, agitating every fleshy part of herself, in an unrelentation of the stage with the peculiar walk which seems to be wholly activated by the buttocks, agitating every fleshy part of herself, in an unrelentation of the stage with the peculiar to the stage with the pe wholly activated by the buttocks, agitating every fleshy let depends upon the improbpart of herself, in an unrelenting frenzy of movement. She
sings, not too well, but very and films about pool players.

world like a delirious female cap of very shaky retelling of impersonator. To sustain the the old familiar story of rival momentum of things, she will champions moving in for their fall upon the stage, wrestle hig confrontation. Inexplicably amorously with the microthis confrontation, which phone kick her legs in the air, should provide the denouement stand on her head. stand on her bead.

She sustains the audience's astonishment and anticipation by always talking dirtier than they ever hoped possible, with genital jokes, defectory jokes, lower than low comedy jokes at the expense of sitting (or even dead) ducks like Joan Crawford, Marlene Dietrich or At only one moment does the British Royals. For inex-Ritchie, through his camera-man, appear to make a direct jokes are all done in the voice. jokes are all done in the voice, delights the audience with her constant assault; offers them about as much in the way of charm as Heinrich Himmler; but always graciously accedes

> Faithfully and well Michael Ritchie and bis sound and camera crews-shooting over

to their now traditional nightly appeal to "Show us your

of the film, takes place off-screen, which sends the audience away entirely mysti-

fied. If, that is, they care any more about the outcome. The film-makers clearly had their own doubts, and have endeavoured to provide some distraction with awful serpieces like a fight with three hoods and a black female impersonator called Snow White in a

fairground.

The Exterminator is and the most menacing bit is the threat, in the final scene, that there could be sequels. It is maybe not surprising that widespread fear of street vio-lence should be reflected in this kind of vigilante vengeance film (Michael Winner's Death Wish was a prototype).

This one takes the genre into the areas of sick sadism. The hero (Robert Ginty) is set on his crusade of generalized vengeance when his old black army buddy is crippled by a gang of young thugs; but his interest is rapidly diverted into the game of devising grotesque, and disgusting ways of despatching his victims—one, for instance, is crunched through his own factory-size meat mincer.

David Robinson.



Peter Jeffrey and Penelope Keith

not achieve this transformation with parental emotions; and the return of daughter Jane (Miranda Richardson), dropping out of university after an abortion, is not comic at all. It does, however, dramatize

the human attachments that have developed in the house over the past 14 years. And one reason for admiring Robert Cherwyn's production is the Cherwyn's production is the fact that it is not simply the story of two commonplace people trying to unload their property in hard times. It also tackles the question of what kind of life the bouse has seen, and who has the right to live there.

This also offers an enriched performance range for Penelope Keith and Peter Jeffrey, who may be two of our best farce actors but who also excel in low-key emotional precision. Miss Keith's brand of controlled desperation, and violent feelings colliding with an expensive rationalist education, supplies all the laughter you would expect, also moments of naked emotion, as where she collapses in tears when they finally ger the house off their hands. From Alan Tagg's siry, pine-clad interior, anybody would be sad to leave it.

Pholograph by Donald Cooper

from his parents, possibly to the extent of ignoring his father's death. On her side expressions of loving concern quickly gave way to bitterness, reproof and finally to the asser-tion that "the police are looking for you", set on apparently by her belief that "you are in the hands of underworld figures who are using you as a male

This is the house where he has a room, a house occupied by gion; and three women, one old—Mrs old-Mrs Withers one younger-Lady Withers, the last a girl-Jane. How they are related remains puzzling, but

red and occupies a luxurious dark-blue room. It is here that the young man is asked to tea to find the room dotted with cakestands bearing buns, one of which, as hard as granite, drops from his teeth as he attempts a bite, only to caught and juggled with her feet by Jane who up to then had been employing them to

But in whose hands is he? It was also here and at this point that I thought Mr Pinter edged a little closer to abourd-Withers, an old man ity than was entirely good for apparently mad; Riley, a the remainder of his play. He younger man who says he fan-struggled back to terra firma, cies him and claims to be a however, and convincingly policeman with a taste for reli-enough to make his hearers quail a little at the son's declared intention to go home to a mother who had just announced of her prodigal that related remains puzzling, but "you will be found, my boy, Lady W dresses principally in and no mercy shown you".

rano saxophone, in contest with

some eloquent writing for strings, sombre for bass clarinet; and between the movecomes a baunting "cantilena", a winding wan-dering theme for also flute. cello, and clariner, later joined by others and bedecked with high pizno counter-idea. It is a slightly bizarre piece, not momentous or containing grand

Book review. Life and Labour:

(Sidgwick and Jackson, £12.50)

Amid the recent plethora of

An Autobiography By Michael Stewart

controversial and contumecious diaries from the Wilson years this account rings straight-forward and authentic, as was indeed to be expected of Michael Stewart, now Lord Stewart of Fulham. Reading these clear cool pages, one feels that ever since Stewart entered Parliament in 1945, his main contribution to the Labour Party was to hold the tiller steady while all about him were flying off the handle. Certainly the reader seeking an objective story, will not be disappointed so far as this autobiography goes, but it does not go nearly as far as he or she will wish. The author's whole effort was for so long to strengthen and preserve the Party, that the habit of dousing divisive issues and drawing a discreet veil over personal animosities became, it seems, ingrained.

At one point, after he had became Foreign Secretary, he remarks that no one in that position can fail to feel that half a dozen of his colleagues would like his joh. But as the reader reads on expectantly, in the hopes of possibly finding at last what, for instance, Harold really said to Michael about George the shutters come down, and one is left gazing at wan appreciation of mere the better qualities of bitter

Nevertheless, anyone concerned with recent political history will be fascinated by the frequent vignettes of political leaders and many others -Anlee, for instance, son, Gairskell and Aneurin Bevan, and, later, Wilson, George Brown, and Crossman These, however are careful appreciations leaving in places, the impression of punches deliberately pulled.

Education was Stewart's early love and his book is well entitled Life and Labour, for expounding Labour's policies filled his days, and in his writing there is nothing better than the concise lists, clearly tabulated in schoolmaster style, of the reasons in favour of comprehensives, or the pros and cons of joining Europe, of which latterly, though not at first, he became a firm but coolheaded supporter. There is much shrewd common sense ron in what he has to say of the duties of an MP, and of his relations with the officials and. diplomats with whom worked

All in all, these agrecable memoirs left me feeling that the author can well look back thankfully at a hard job honestly accomplished; but one wishes that he had allowed himself once or twice to set the Thames at Westminster on fire.

A. M. Rendel

SNO/Gibson Festival Hall

Noel Goodwin Sir Alexander Gibson and the Scottish National Orchestra

were the guests on Wednesday of the Royal Philharmonic Society, whose concerts this season feature in each pro-gramme a work the society was responsible in some way for introducing to the repertory. On this occasion, it was Dyorak's cello concerto, first brought to society's concerts in 1896. The soloist this time was Paul Tortelier, who is almost as much a favourite with audiences here as the concerto, and whose per formance was characteristic of his personality.

It could be called impulsive, to the extent that he communi-cated the urgency of feeling behind the solo writing, but it is an impulse that comes from within the music as much as from within the man. Tortclier withdrawn as some players in reflectiveness, nor as

emotionally forthcoming as others, but he shaped the music with a controlled fervour that allowed its beauty to be savoured as much as its skill. to be admired, not least in a flexibility of phrasing and expression that eluded some of the orchestral playing. At the end, he asked for the

horn players to take a special call with him, which they had certainly earned, and because Sir Alexander's conducting brought out the clarity of inner detail, there was also much de-light in some of the woodwind-playing, the flutes especially. The conductor's deep instinct for Sibelius, for the brooding: grandeur of his symphonic thoughts and the discipline of his instrumental detail, was always in evidence, and in that long progression from the vibrant Scherzo to the final peroration, the alternating tension and release was securely judged. In the earlier part, despite an eloquent sense of loneliness and distance as one phrase is echned, by another,

jointed, even ponderous, where

it should have been springy.

the momentum







casting in the same script. In Family Voices he successfully met them once again. Even from the opening words, "I am having a very

Wigmore Hall

Lumina

Stanley Sadie To write a piece specifically to concinde a particular concert might seem to suggest a rather That would, I think, be fairly said of David Blake. His new York last week, reached London on Wednesday, along with the new Lumina group, for

whom it was composed.

enterprising music department at York University, consists (or consisted for this series of concerts) of a string trio, a It is a diverting piece, using wind trio of flute and contrasts of texture in a very clarinets, with Professor Blake forthright way to surprise and himself at the piano. I can entertain the ear. At the beginutilitarian attitude to one's art. hardly, in the circumstances, comment on the new work without saying what preceded it: work, Capriccia, first heard at two works by Berg, Blake's own Scenes for cello ta substantial work, seemingly symbolizing some sort of struggle between the straightforward and the

Lumina, whose personucl are sinister, and played with much all linked with the famously conviction by Moray Welsh), the viola. The first movement enterprising music department and a Mozart flute quartet to embodies a minust, the second end the first half. Capriccio is in a sense designed to balance the Mozart.

contrasts of texture in a very ning, for example, growls on a quickly succeeded by flute fripperies with a pizzicato accompaniment. In the second main movement, one of the clarinettists goes offstage to make rude comments on a sop-

a waltz and a fugal coda.

Not all is frivolity. There is ideas, but ingenious, challenging, disturbing to complacency. Two Times political writers consider the issues in tomorrow's crucial Labour conference

Can Mr Foot be an election winner?

Is there such a thing as an un- latest one, from Gallup in The electable leader of a political party these days? One might well ask in the week of Mr Reagan's inauguration. Throughout the primary campaign the principal argument of his of the Conservatives, only 26 Republican rivals was that if he per cent think Mr Foot is a was given the nomination he good leader, while could not win the election. Yet believe he is not look where he is now.

The same argument was used against Mrs Thatcher by her Conservative opponents before she won the Conservative leadership in 1975. Yet there she is in Downing Street pre-paring to meet Mr Reagan in the White House next month.
Across the dispatch box at Westminster 'she faces another apparently unelectable leader in Mr Michael Foot. The dif-Mr Michael Foot. The dif-ference in his case is that while he has secured the leadership of his party, he has yet to prove that he could win a general election. The fear that he could not was used against him by his critics in the leadership election, without success. But the fear is still there, and it is one factor among the many that have brought the Labour

get into print.

In just such a state of mind; I found myself rereading Cardinal Luciani's last contri-

button to journalism. It was published in July, 1978. A month later its author became

Page John Paul I. His style is casy and flowing, but his

words strike deeply. He had

the rare journalistic gift of

heing able to put across infor-mation for readers of all levels after making sure of his facts and checking with reliable

His article appeared in the Gazzettino of Venice with the title: Seeking God in everyday

work. He was trying to give a

spiritual profile of the founder

of Opus Dei, whom he des-cribes as "revo'utionary", a-"radical", who had laid the foundation of a lay spirituality.

Cardinal Luciani writes: Escriva de Balaguer, with ospel in hand, constantly

taught that Christ does not

want us just to be good; be

wants us to be very good in-

deed. But be wants us to attein

this goodness not through extraordinary actions, but

rather with common everyday

actions. It is the way we do these actions which should be

uncommon. Here, right in the middle of the street, in the

office, in the fectory, we can

become saints, on condition that we carry out our duries

competently, for love of God,

and cheerfully, in such a way that our daily work becomes, not a 'daily trazedy', but, one can almost say, 'a daily smile'".

It is not easy to draw a simple outline of Opus Del, on

institution, made up for the most nort of lav people, which was born within the Catholic

Church just over 50 years ago and has since spread to every continent, with the blessing and encouragement of five

Popes and the ecclesiastical

What draws praise from so

what draws praise from so many zealous pastors and ordinary members of the Church, however, sometimes eludes the understanding of some religious "sociologists". It would appear that Opus Dei

Opus Dei:

the ideals and

the unseen

influence

From time to time the what limited ideas of Church harassed reader needs a break, structures.

eyes a rest and relieve the Pope Paul VI described as a oppression caused by hitter, unsign of the perennial youthfulfair and, frankly, slanderous ness of the Church is just accusations that now and then that: another manifestation of

Daily Telegraph yesterday, records a further fall in his approval rating. Although Labour remains comfortably in the lead, 13.5 per cent ahead good leader, while 42 per cont

His principal asset as leader is that he is well liked personally. It is interesting how many Labour MPs who voted against him seem now to have come to terms with his leadership. This is partly, no doubt, because of a politician's instinctive respect for those with political power, not least the power of patronage. But it is also because his colleagues like him and recognize that he is, as one right-wing backbencher puts it,
"doing everything he can to
stitch the party together".

What does "everything" amount to in this case? First, he has been rushing round making appeals for unity to all and sundry. In this week alone he has spoken to the Tribune group, the Labour First group and the Manifesto group. So he Party to the brink of a partial has covered the party's political the votes, and is prepared to of the ways.

The doubts about him are shared by the electorate, to managed to provide some reasting by the opinion polls. The surance. At the meeting of a far cry from the position

the movement of ecclesial self-renewal in the century of Vat-

renewal in the century of var-ican II.

When Mgr Escriva went to
Rome in 1946 to request papal
approval of Opus Dei, he met
with these words from a high
cfficial in the Vatican: "You

gentlemen bave come a cen-

tury too soon". Events proved what a hasty judgment that

had been. Nearly 40 years later one still finds oneself wonder-ing if some people will indeed need another 60 years before they can finally understand

The aims of Opus Del were explained hundreds of times by its founder as a general

movement of Catholics to serve

the Church and all men. In his own words: "The only ambi-tion, the only desire of Opus

Day and of each one of its members is to serve the Church as the Church wishes

to be served, within the speci-

fic vocation that Our Lord has

Opus Dei does is simply to

offer all the men and women who come to it the spiritual

help and theological training

they need to put this ideal into

practice. It is then up to each

one on his or her own initia-

tive and responsibility to act

freely, like any other citizen;

r citiren, however, who is a Catholic and who strives to

live in keeping with his faith, and respecting—and indeed

seeking to understand-the dif-

forent points of view and courses of action taken by

their colleagues, friends, releases, and so on. This is why
Opus Dei does not act nor
ever could act as a group,

either within the Church or in

Take the recent Italian

earthquake for example. In my

knowledge no press release mentioned the way Onus Dei helped those who suffered in the terrible disaster which devastared Southern Italy. And quite rightly so, even though many prembers of Opus Dei

were heloing there in a thou-

those people were not present there as members of Opus Del—a meaningless title in the

Opus Dei.

given us". To achie

courses

civil society.

Geoffrey Smith

he received quite a warm ova-tion, he spoke of the shameful intolerance of the Militant tendency. He did not go on to propose that the group should be proscribed, but it is acknowledged by right-wing back-benchers that where he feels that parliamentary colleagues are being unfairly victimized in are being unfairly victimized in their constituencies he is pre-pared to put his prestige on the line to defend the right of dissent within the party. Not until the process of reselection has begun, though, will it be possible to judge how effective he is in that respect.

He is fighting for what he believes to be the maximum believes to be the maxmum role for the parliamentary party in the electoral college for choosing the party leader, which will probably be set up at tomorrow's special conference. But as he believes this maximum role to be 50 per cent of the votes, and is prepared to concede a share to the trade union block vote as well as to the constituency parties, this is

Labour First, a group of the adopted earlier by the parlia-centres inclined to right, where mentary party and would not by any means satisfy all of the right, even if it is accepted by the conference.

More important, he has made it clear that he is opposed to any change in the existing arrangements for drawing up the manifesto. In other words, an electoral college should not be given that responsibility, which should remain with the parliamentary leadership and the National Executive Com-

Mr Foot also wants constitu-ency parties to have the right to draw up a short list with only one name on it when re-selecting their candidates. That interpretation of the rules would require only the agreement of the NEC, which Mr. Foot is known to be hopeful of securing It would go some way to protect sittings MPs who remain the confidence of their constituency parties. They need not then be forced to enduce the hassle of a full reselection procedure with rival challenges for

party organization are important, the electorate is particularly influenced by two other considerations: whether the leader has the necessary authority to run a government and whether the party has an

and whether the party has an attractive programme. Mr. Foot inevitably: lacks, the special aura of authority possessed not only by a prime minister but also by a defeated prime minister. Every party leader who takes over while the party is in opposition suffers the same handicap until an election has been won.

Mr Foot's sutherity has also been blunted by his eagerness to compromise in the cause of unity. He needs the agreement of others at least as much as they need his approval. The public impression of him may well be much influenced by what happens as Wembley tomorrow. well be much influenced by what happens at Wembley tomorrow, but he does not seem so far to carry the weight that is desirable on the NEC. Although he finds it: easy to command the ear of the House, he has not yet developed the sharpness of attack that would be required to discomfort the Prime Minister in his lwice-weekly contests with her at the dispatch box. dispatch box.

There are mixed views of

"A lasting impression is of a humane and happy character who would have much in common with Sir Thomas More", wrote The Times on August 20, 1959, about the founder of Opus Del.

Monsigner Escrivá, who appears on the right praying in St. Duwstan's Canterbury. St Dunstan's, Canterbury, where the head of the chancellor saint is buried. With him is Father Alvaro del

damental importance to the spostolic spontaneity of the individual, to his free and responsible initiative, guided by the action of the Spirit, and not to accompany the section of the Spirit, and

when asked by the Rome correspondent of La Libre Belleggue how be saw the future of Opus Dei, the Very Ray Alvaro del Portillo, the present President General of Opus Dei replied: "The future of our organization is ried to our faithfulness to the spirit of our

This is a basic law govern-ing all the institutions and movements which the Holy-Spirit has inspired in the Church during the last twenty centuries: faithfulness by the followers to the inspiration of the founder. That is why, when Pope John Paul II wrote to the General of Upus De he said: "I am well aware of the wast growth of the work created and afterwards directed for many years, with the help of God, by Mgr Jose maria Escrivà de Balaguer, and I wish to give honour to the commitment to boliness and to the Gospel witness it irra-diates, both through personal

men of our times. Let us, then, give ceaseless thanks to God: who never allows his Church to be without new initiatives for sanctity professional work .I add. there

John Horrigan The author is Secretary of Netherkall House,

Portillo, who in 1975 succeeded him as President General of

Opus Del.

not to organizational structures, commands and tactics imposed from above" (Conversations with Mgr Escrivá de Baldzuer,

organization is fied to but faithfulness to the spirit of our founder. True, the external structures are a valuable help, but they would collapse like sand if the members were to fail in their fidelity to the spirit of Opus Del" (October-2, 1978, interview on the accasion of the 50th anoiversary of Opus Dei).

context—but as doctors or nurses, as soldiers, workers and student volunteers.

There was no presence of Opus Dei, but its members were there—each in his or her own place-creips to carry out. smiling assent. Perhaps he was remembering that Opus Dei had aiready in 1950 obtained. a humanitarian work with a remembering that Opus Dei Christian spirit. And their had already in 1950 obtained spirit of Christian self-denial the Holy See's approval to-helped them to spend long admit non-Christians and even The same sort of thing tors. At that time, ecumenism bappens every day in countiess was not an "in" word, and different covironments. Mer Escriva had to persevere Wherever there are members with his request until the Vatof Opus Dei you will find them ican finally agreed.
working, each in his or her working, each in his or her twith the Church's approval, own way, to build united famther the work which Opus Dei had ilies, to foster vocations to the until then been carrying out priesthood to invite their among Catholics was opened to ing barriers that had seemed insurmountable. "Christianity for the multitude" is what a contacts and through the means of multiple initiatives of promotion among the

> and apstolate, also through the practice of one's ordinary fore, a special word of fatherly encouragement so that you may continue with spiritual in your own dedication to God and to the brethren in the light of a joyous and profound faithfulness to the Gosnel, to the Second Vatican Council and to the dispositions of your venerable founder (Letter dated November 15, 1978).

But while these questions of his performance in the Shadow trty organization are import. Cabinet Some of his colleagues believe that he has developed a greater sharpness after an uncertain start Dihers believe that his touch is unsure; he certainly made a muddled job of constructing the Shadow Cabinet.

Cabinet.

A degree of muddle is also evident in his handling of policy. On Monday has hold the Tribune group that he was opposed to another referendum on British membership of the EEC.; this would be a clear issue at the next election and a fature, babour government. issue at the next election and a feture babour government would have sufficient authority to act. On Wednesday, at the Manifesto group he did not rule out another referendum. Although he has made it clear that he personally remains a unilateral nuclear disarmerand the party conference has voted for such a policy—he; has given the impression that he is not pushing that line.

His promise at Newcastle last week of a "socialist transforma-

His promise at Newcastle last week of a "socialist transformation" will hardly have reassured floating voters. But this indicates Mr Roors difficulty; he is torn between his personal preferences and the need to commend the need to commend the need to a social preferences. -both because .. of the views of others and what he knows are the limitations of



Mr Foot : a greater sharpness?

government. This points to the critical distinction between him, on the one hand, and kirs Thatcher and Mr Reagan on the other. Where they are regarded as extreme, they are going farther—or thought to be going farther—than most people

would on the tide of current opinion. When Mr Foot voices more extreme sentiments, he is swim-using against that tide. That is what will make it more difficult for him to follow them to elec-

Fred Emery

... and how will he handle a breakaway?

Special conferences rarely do political parties any good, and the Saturday spectacular being provided by the Labour Special Rules Revision Conference at the Wembley Conference Centre is unlikely to be an exception. Whether, it will do lasting damage to the party and even change the face of British politics is not entirely predictable—but likely.

If is also no exception to the

It is also no exception to the species in being an attempt to cobble together, ram through and simply have done with a reform that would have been tion and a regular annual conference. In this case it is a constitutional wrangle which understandably, has obsessed by Mr. Authony. Wedgwood those seeking power, but has Eenn, have all along made clear driver many sections of the that the spoils in this new

Its effects must be profound; activists, not to mere party Yer to change the party s'found, members: And the trade union ing method of electing the leaders, particularly some of party leader—and thus the the lesser lights, recognize a france for power after the france change for power after the france confusion. france confusion that has attended preparations and the scant consultation within local party and union organizations.

must again raise doubts and worry among voters about the party's seriousness and political wisdom.
The left's reformers argue, with some justifiable frustra-tion that this is bot the just culmination of a process of culmination of a process of reform which for years the party establishment sought to throttle. Never mind what it looks like and sounds like, they

say, let's have no further delay. But the fact is that the old party establishment's resistance collapsed once Labour MPs. under the old system, elected Mr Michael Foot. With a left-wing leader installed the party could have settled down to find a plausible and democratic, method of involving others besides MPs in the election of

leader. None of the reformers has

bers affiliated by the unions and in the emaciated party membership lists. And, anyway, the National Executive Committee reformers, pushed or pulled

The social democrats if they leap, will be determined

some sort of victory

see one.

But power for what? It still looks odd politics to rush shead when all the signs are that they must provoke a split, and a social democratic breakaway party. Even if such a party falls flat on its face it can hardly fail to injure Labour. Yet even though Labour is presently ahead in the polls with the Liberals nicely placed, too, as the leadership of both Mrs That her and Mr. Foor find little acclaim—and even as Labour is poised for big galos in focal elections, all seem determined on collision.

-The most dramatic thing Mr Foot could do comorrow would be get up at the start and tell the delegates to think again, "remit" the issue, and go home. He has been challenged

been able, logically, to explain; struck by this original and conthe rush. None of them has been able to explain why if it is not at present possible to establish registers of all party members in constituencies and unions, it would not be practical to do so with a little more time. That way a secret ballot of all members could have been conducted.

Struck by this original and continuation structured by this original and continuation and position abar the party sound position abar or Bishops Stortford that was But, of course, that way emmeant to conclude the party's barrassment lies—not least in commission of inquiry. It ended the fiddled numbers of memia in disagreement. The charic party conference at Blackpool.

So now Mr Foot is left can-vassing his own (and the PLP's) preference, which Geoffrey Smith discusses No one knows whether Mr

For his sor the votes lined up. The Leader has not yet even decided to speak up at the conference while he still has a chance to influence support for his own preference.

his own preference.

His own choice, according to party sources, is to speak at the end, after the vote had been taken. But it is possible this could change as Mr. Foot assesses how his belated campaign this week. paign has gone this week.

Labour's gang of three, with perhaps a dozen MPs, in all, seem set to take a conference decision for a block-voting electoral college as the intolerelectoral college as the intolerable culmination in the process of derailing Labour as a democratic party. The dissidents say it is not just this issue not the wild policies, not even mandatory reselection of MPSC but the whole sequence of interlocking decisions, lost by default by air directing leadership, that they can see fow only as shackling the party's MPSC to the party apparent.

armarat. Lightning might still strike. The conference could end in chaos, with nothing decided Mr because of ill health. But the likelier event now, especially after the harmony achieved between Mr Roy Jenkins and the gang of three is that the breaksway will be attempted.

There will be no rash decisions, no rush, one is told, and certainly nothing to damage remit the issue, and go the prespects of Labour coundame. He has been challenged cillors at the May local election of the prespects of Labour coundame. He has been challenged cillors at the May local election of the prespects of Labour coundaments of the prespects of Labour coundaments. Parties are not formed over night, Dr Owen has said. He could have confronted the But, locking back to last sumleful dominated NEC, but that is mer, they have all been clearly not his way. He could have moving steadily towards a break stuck by his original and constitutionally bound position abat. since the gang of three's open letter published in The Gundar. And things have moved more quickly than anyone thosesh. thought.

Mr. Foot, by agreeing that such a party could be lajurious to Labour, without itself winning sears, seems to concede that Mrs Tratter all no abenefactor in all this But he social democrats, if they leap. will be determined to win so we sort of victory. Provided they can get taken seriously-and much will depend on the imonly narrowly accepted the pression that the conference principle of an electoral cole gives television viewers to lege; by the quirk of a mis morrow—they will have a directed union bloc vote. It formidable launching pad.

MOSCOW DIARY

Taking a chance on Soviet pop

Go into any Soviet restaurant and you are sure to hear most of the pop songs that have recently topped the charts in Reitain and America. Ask any you which pon singers are doing well in the West, their latest numbers and any spicy gossip. Join any unusually long queue outside a record shop and you will find people waiting to get hold of Leo Sayer, Abba, Elton John or whoever has just had an album issued by Meoldia, the Soviet record company.

Russian youth today is as much the pop generation as ever it is or was in the West. When John Lennon was murdered it was a shock to millions writers and singers have a folof young people here. The newsnapers carried long articles country that discourages the about his life and influence, build up of showbiz personaliahout and address begged foreigners for magazines that carried commemorative obituaries and roung people gathered for several hours in a vigil outside the best performers are still from Latvia and Estonia. You hear all the latest Soviet

every section of Soviet society. Moscow you have to switch to

Loudspeakers pour out Sealed with a Kiss and other golden oldies as you skate along the frozen paths in Moscow's Gorki Park, a fashion show in the Union of Writers' Club is accompanied by the beat of Boney M. Even a planeload of foreign Muslim dignitaries on their way to a conference in Tashkent is entertained, inappropriately, by a tape of hard rock before take off.

But foreigners who dance to western disco in the tourist hotels and grin at last year's hits coming from blocks of flats do not notice a more interesting phenomenon; the extraordinarly dynamic development of Soviet pop music. Pop here has suddenly become something worth hearing-innovative, exciting, not over-commercialized, creating its own forms. Some groups can rival anything in the West in style and impact. Songlowing unprecedented in a

In spite of stuffy disapproval can hear all the latest Soviet from the party oldsters, pop and western hits on the local music has drammed itself into radio in Estonia, whereas in

Radio Moscow's English service (which explains why taxi-drivers, who know no word of English, have their radios permanently tuned to it).

own place-trying to carry out

different covironments.
Wherever there are members

friends to get close to God

through prayer, to carry out works of human development

and social welfare, to help people get on better with one another. Paul VI wrote in a handwritten letter of October

10 1984 that he looked " with

10 1954 that he looked "with fatherly satisfaction upon everything which Opus Dei has done and continues to do for the Kingdom of God—the desire for good which guides it, the fervent love for the Church and for its visible Head which distinguishes it, the ardear zeal for souls which

the ardent real for souls which

and difficult paths of the apos-

in all sectors of contemporary

In general pop is livelier in all the provinces, away from the political spotlight. Georgia has a yearly festival of music. the nearest equivalent to the open air rock concerts in the West, which spawns new stars each year. An Armenian, Stas Namio, bearded like Marx and a grandson of Anastas Mikovan, the former Soviet president, is a rising composer and group leader. The Ukraine, with a long folk music tradition, has produced strong singers. including Sophia Rotaru, number two in the latest "khir parad", to use the Russlish term (the Russians also talk about a "rok-group", "disk-dzhoki" and the top 20).

Lyrical

Byelorussia is the home of an early group. The Singers, based in Minsk, Much of their stuff i. more lyrical and folk than reck, and they are now slipping down the charts. Their lead player for 10 years. Alvosha Eord-kevich, has just left them to found a new group in Kier-called The Hollyhocks. found a new group in Kier former with a sultry look, a called The Hollyhocks.

A highly educated architect of curly hair. His his There in

and a great admirer of Einstein Bordkevich is the autithesis of the tawdry and ephemeral figures in the West who seem nowadays more the creations of the record industry than the embodiment of talent. On tours with his new group he is accom-panied by his diminutive wife, O'ga Korbutt, the Olympic gymaastics star.

with his request until the Vat-ican finally agreed.

all men of good will, overcom-

Professor of Logic in the University of Münster (Ger-

newspaper.
In Britain, something similar

could be said of the people of all and no religious beliefs who have cooperated and con-

tinue to do so in projects like

Nethernall House in Hamp-stead. At the opening of ir-new buildings in 1266, one of

the African students described the residence as: "A United

Nations only more united ".

In the article by Cardinal that the internal organization that the internal organization, the audiences which he was granted by John XXIII, Mgr an "unorganized organization, which gives primary and fun-

The apostolate of

members is so diverse in cir-

cumstance, time and approach,

In the Soviet pop scene a key role is played by the com-poser. In the absence of a competitive recording industry, managers, promoters and all managers, promoters and all the hangers on in the West, the composer has a lone struggle to find his singers, manage and omote them and co Wilmout doubt the most talented around at present is a

small, intense, Jewish com-poser, David Tukhmanov. After a string of successes in recent years his haunting Farewell Moscore was chosen as the thome of the Olympics and was en in ann: bit. For this be was avarded the Friendship of People's Medal—rather like the Beatles gening the MBE. Most of Tukhmanov's songs are written for the top male singer, Valory Leontyev, a stylish per-



September was constantly played on the radio. To me a far more interesting singer is Janua Bichevskaya. who has been described as the Societ Joan Back and has already achieved enormous succass on a tour of West Ger-many. Like early Boez sho

accompanies herself on the in Odessa with cleverly say to build the new Siberian Rail-cuitar and draws heavily on castic numbers about how way variety. Some are not folk songs and ancient melo nice it is being a conscript, how bad, but most sudiences want dies, reinterpreting them in a good the food is, how I enjoy stronger stuff.

Crystal, lyrical voice. Some the duties and the drill They crystal, lyrical voice. Some Russians are unsettled by Bichevskaya's combination of Russians are unsettled by have not yet been allowed to bichevskaya's combination of perform in Moscow or where modern idiom and deeply tradi-tional themes; hallads of love them: and loss, friendship, childhood. A Moscow youth newspaper, and parting. But to a western recently made a surprisingly nerceptive comment about this group: "It is no secret that deep from her harsh almost Piaf-like childhood. She appeared on West German telerision during her tour and is said to have so delighted the Soviet Ambassador to Bonn that she was nightly wined and dined in his embassy.

Limelight

Soviet pur groups are never sure how much they can per away with. There is always an element of risk-consorship, official disapproval, change of programme, cancellation of facilities—and this adds a triston to their best performances. Away from the limelight they can-be vary during indeed : the top pop group at the moment. Time Machine, is fairly way or t Time Machine, is fairly way out starts and worlds that they been conducted the series startling clothes, uses all demand as scandalously de known and too hemmed in to the aggressive surgestiveness under the aggressive surgestiveness under the aggressive surgestiveness under the aggressive surgestiveness under the highly pairland be given full reign.

Stage of western groups and can sungs of the all love my raise roars of applause down Motherland and We're off Michael Binyon.

group: "It is no secret that native rock music plays the role for youth which for older, people is filled by literature, chema, journalism. It is in rock music that many young people seek answers to questions troubling them. And Time-Machine, with the almost missionary character of its larich. sionary character of its lyrics, to a certain extent influences the lives of young mea and women."

This, the paper said, puts a heavy responsibility on the group. After all, if you have a Soviet equivalent of the Beatles modding a generation, it is im-portant they say the right things:

Pop singers know this well-They buy the right to move into-ficids and styles that only a few

Limited.

Soviet pop is still largely unofficial groups are formed spontaneously in clubs and colleges—there are about 5,000 in Moscow alone—amplifiers, synthesizers, speakers are virtually impossible to obtain, performances are in factory halls or local palaces of culture, few pop composers are recognized by the Union of Composers, and releases are issued in tantaliz-ingly limited quantities. If you're not in the shop half an hour after the latest from Leontyev or Pugachova comes in you've missed it.....

Inst as Peter the Great's introduction of western art led to a profusion of Russian painting, 50 western pop has spawned a remarkably vigorous counterpart here. Perhaps the Russian language with its clearly marked stress in each word, is peculiarly suited to pop. The only pity is that this music is still too frowned on tobe sent abroad, 100 new m be 3 known and too hemmed in to k

Michael Binyon:



Sir. As the National Youth Theare's European representative Lwender if the Arts Council realizes

the blaw it intends to deal to the

non-British world by cutting off its -

financial support to the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain. The

Continental European postwar generation grew up with it and

learned from those young people to its astonishment that Shakespeare does not mean the tedicus stuff

which was crammed cown their throats at school; but is alive and

exciting as well as moving, amusing

and poetical, who wizard who

performed this miracle, not only for his own comparitors, but for many thousaids of others, for whom his name combined with that of the NYT has become a symbol.

I do hope the Arts Council of Great Britain will reconsider its

JAN DE BLIECK, Theater Impresariant Internationand Lid.

Sir. The notformances of Gilbert and

Sir. The option oranges of Gilbert and Sullivan's operas by D'Oyly Carte have been an essential part of our national heritage for over a hundred years. The operas are enjoyed all over the world. In this country, D'Oyly Carte productions continue to attract enthusiastic audiences. The company obtains 89 per cent of its income from the box office. This compand with the 25 per cent of its income from the box office. This compand with the 25 per cent in the case of other Arts Council subsidized companies is an eloquent restimony of its popularity. English theatre audiences are discriminating and should be trusted to judge the quality of productions.

The British public will, I believe, have been dismayed by the Arts Council announcement that it has

council announcement that it has rejected the recommendation of its own inquiry that D'Oyly Carte should receive a grant of between £50,000 and £100,000 a year which it sorely needs to maintain its standards and to continue its record of 35 weeks on tour. I am sure I will be joined by the many friends of D'Oyly Carte in asking the Arts Council to reconsider its unfortunate.

Copacil to reconsider its unfortunate

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

ELWYN JONES. House of Lords.

January 21.

decision. Yours faithfully,

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THE FUTURE OF THE TIMES

Mr Rupert Murdoch has been selected by the Thomson interests as the next proprietor of Times Newspapers and has given assurances on editorial inde-pendence which have satisfied the committee of independent national directors and the editors of The Times and The Sunday Times. That does not mean he automatically becomes the proprietor! the contract is conditional on successful union negotiations inside three weeks -a condition that can by no means be taken for granted-and his purchase could be referred to Monopolies Commission, though there is a ministerial discretion in cases where papers are under imminent threat of closure.

How did Mr Murdoch emerge as the chosen proprietor? There were a number of tests which were applied to the various bids and proposals, and he was in effect the only bidder who passed all of them. The first condition, laid down by Thomson's, was that preference would be given to bids for the whole company, as against bids for individual titles. The otherwise attractive consortium's, to include the journalists, that were formed envisaged breaking up the company and separating The Times and The Sunday Times. There is indeed a commercial argument for doing this. In the case of The Times, however, the consortium—though it did have the capacity tand might even now still be needed) to save the paper after a closure —could not have avoided a break in production. That reinforced the Thomson preference for a single bidder, and the staff too have a strong preference for unbroken publication.

The tests that single bidders had to face were financial competence, management capacity, the willingness to make a reasonable commercial offer, and finally and crucially, the willingness to guarantee the future editorial independence of the papers. The bidder also had to be free of other commitments (such, for instance, as extensive .commitments in the Middle East) which

might cut across fair reporting. Mr Murdoch met all these qualifications. He has substantial resources; he is an international publisher who operates success-

considerably smaller than those be in any way embarrassing, and he was prepared, which another major bidder was not, to give satisfactory guarantees of editorial independence. Thus, from Thomson's point of view, he was the only satisfactory single bidder, and from The Times' editorial point of view, he offered the prospect of uninter-rupted production and editorial safeguards, There were four points that

the committee on editorial safeguards wanted to establish. The first was a continued and strengthened system of independent national directors not only to supervise any future sale of the paper, but to protect the independence of the editors and to approve their appointment and dismissal. The second was to establish an agreed definition of editorial independence, the safeguards should be formally conveyed to the Department of Trade, so that they would go on the public record, and the fourth was that Times Newspapers should be run separately from Mr Murdoch's other newspapers, while recognizing that he must he free to form efficient financial structures.

The agreements reached are reported on another page. They cover in detail the first three points, and there was also agreement on the principle of separate independence. The definition of editorial independence largely. though not entirely, follows a draft which was first put forward by the Journalists of The Times, (JOTT), and approved by a representative committee of Times

It places absolutely in the hands of the editor the publication of news, opinion and advertisements, the political policy of the paper, the use of resources in the budget for editorial space and expenditure, and the appointment of staff. It reinforces these rights by the protection of the system of independent national directors, without whose consent the editor cannot be appointed or removed. These safeguards go considerably further than the Assor safeguards of 1922 or the Thomson safeguards of 1966, but they build on the success of both. This fully in highly competitive mar-kets; his offer was commercially wrung from a reluctant Mr acceptable to Thomson's; his Murdoch, but volunteered or interests outside publishing are readily agreed by him.

It is not, however, at all the of the Thomson Organisation relationship with the proprietor itself, and do not seem likely to which has threatened the independence of The Times, but the relationship with the trade unions which has threatened our survival. It was the breakdown of that relationship which led to the withdrawal of the Thomsons who, from the editorial point of view, were excellent proprietors, generous, straightforward and absolutely correct. There has heen an extraordinary sense of dissociation about the editorial process on The Times in recent years: as we covered the news. the news covered us; it has been like playing chess in a hurricane, as the King castles, the roof lifts off.

The question in the front of many journalists' minds is whether Mr Murdoch can deal with that. The first test will be his negotiations with unions before the contract is completed; if those negotiations do not succeed, the contract will not be completed and the paper will almost inevitably shut, at least for a time. If those negotiations do succeed, he will still face very difficult problems of commercial and industrial management.

What can be said is that Mr Murdoch must have the best chance of success of any of the single bidders for the company. He is, beyond question, the most successful Fleet Street publisher of the last-fifteen years, and he has wide international experience. His existing British business is by no means free of the Fleet Street problems, but has come through them better than any other. He has a reputation for toughness, and no doubt there will be occasions in the future when that toughness will be turned on some of the practices of The Times, perhaps uncomfortably. But after the experience of recent years, it is clear that only a very effective and tough publisher can survive in Fleet Street, or make his titles survive. There is still a question whether The Times can be made to prosper as a Fleet Street paper on Fleet Street costs. We certainly do not want to live off the future profits of The Sunday Times; subsidization is always a rotten foundation for any newspaper. If Mr Murdoch can make The Times a commercially viable newspaper, he will have done us the greatest possible service.

THE UNITED STATES IS PLEDGED

as its people learn of the maltreatment to which their diplomats were subjected in Jran. The new Administration will feel of the agreement. the pressure of this anger. With it will come demands that the parts of the agreement securing the hostages' release which have not yet been performed. After hints to the contrary there are new assurances from the State Department that the obligations under the agreement will be carried out. ::

The agreement was extorted by the Government of Iran from the Government of the United States under duress. The duress arose from an illegal, an uncivilized act: the seizure and holding hostage of the staff of the American Embassy in Tehran. Under principles of ordinary law that would be enough to vitiate the agreement and absolve the United States from its performance. In international law different principles apply.

It used to be a rule of international law, that conditions imnosed on one state by another were not voided by coercion or duress. Force was recognized as ultimate arbiter in these matters. That has been changed to the extent that an international agreement is void if it has been procured by force in violation of the principles of international law embodied in the Charter of the United Nations. The new principle is written into the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties 1969. The proper treatment of diplomats and taking foreigners hostage, bowever, do not form part of the subject matter of the United Nations Charter.

Morally the United States would surely be entitled to epudiate an agreement extorted y these means. But not, it eems, in international law, But

Couch of reality

From Mr William Shepherd

sir. The almost absurd plicht in

shich the Iron and Steel Trades

Confederation finds itself is yet

urther evidence of the extent to

novement leadership is out of ouch, not only with the realities

f and economic situation, but with

he views and feelings of its own

embership. Even a small union

ike the National Union of Seamen

s apparently afraid to consult its numbers because they are unlikely

co endorse the decisions of the

executive.
This dichotomy is probably

unprecedented in the whole history

of the British trade union move-

ment; it is a grave reflection unon

the present leadership, which appears to be incapable of any

constructive thinking, speaking only

in meaningless and outdated

situation are very serious indeed.

With a more intelligent trade union

leadership we could even now be

The wider implications of this

generalities.

Anger rises in the United States apart from that consideration, there are compelling reasons why the new Administration should not go back on any part

> with the mediation of Algeria, nuty Secretary (Mr Warren Christopher, in the full knowledge of the President, Mr Carter. The United States under that agreement granted: Iran terms that Iran's conduct did not entitle it to be granted. But the word of the United States was pledged. It would not befit a nation of the greatness of the United States if that pledge were now to be broken as a matter of policy by a new President.

> Slowly but surely relations must be rebuilt between the. United States and Iran. Iran occupies a crucial place in a region which is of high importance to the United States and the West as a whole. The process of repair would meet a further serious obstruction if the United States Government were to decide that there were articles in the agreement it would not carry out. The accusation of had faith would be instant and plausible. The muliahs' satanic" rhetoric would be rustimulated. Some at least of the other peoples in the world who are predisposed to detect had faith in America's conduct would join in the hue and cryforgetting, as they would find it only too easy to do, the provocation to which the United States

has been subjected. To say that the provisions of the agreement ought to be fulfilled by the new Administration is not to say that they can be. Nonperformance as a matter of policy is one thing: nonperformance because some part of the agreement is struck down by the courts of the United States as ultra vires or repugnant to the

engaged as a country in a pro-

gramme of reinvestment and industrial expansion. We have had a long period of industrial decline

and disinvestment, with industrial production falling well below 1975

The time could be ripe after this

long period for a policy of industrial expansion, but for the need to combat the high leggl of

inflation with sharply rising labour

unit costs. Such reductions in inflation as have been achieved are

nal exchange rates reducing the cost of imported food and raw

The present short-sighted attitude

the trade union movement

leadership means that we are com-

mitted to a further depression of our industrial base in order to

reduce inflation. The trade union attitude is having the effect of causing the country to be loss

concerned with dealing with unemployment and more concerned

with the problem of inflation. Cannot the trade union leaders be

the consequence not of internal costs, but of higher exter-

levels.

constitution is another thing. That would be no reproach to the Administration. Nor should it be any surprise to the Iranians who had explained to them, and The agreement was signed, had some difficulty in understanding, the less than autocratic ia American president

Three-quarters of the previously frozen Iranian assets are by now beyond the control of the United States authorities. But there remain several areas of the sgreement where the legality of executive orders issued or to be issued might be challenged. One area is the ordered transfer outside the United States of Iranian funds attached by the courts, on account of claims to compensation from Iran. Another area is the extinction by executive order of the right of American companies and persons, including the hostages themselves, to sue for damages against Iran in the courts, and the transfer of all such claims international arbitration. Another area of the agreement which might be open to challenge concerns the late Shah's wealth. It was agreed that the United States Government would order its citizens to report to the Treasury, for transmission to Iran, any information in their possession about the property of

the Shah and his family.

These may or may not be valid exercises of executive power. That is for the courts of the United States to determine, if the powers are challenged. But they formed part of the agreement signed on January 19. As the new Administration recognizes it has to proceed in accordance with the provisions of that agreement, distasteful as that may be, if necessary in the face of popular demands to the contrary. Only if its orders were struck down by the courts would the administration be released from the obligation.

persuaded to do something from which they have recoiled for so long: that is, to stand aside and take a hard, critical look at their philosophy and performance? There is, after all, no way in which we can really pay ourselves more whilst earning less; but there is the prospect, if minds can be cleared of cant, of the unions and the employers, together with the Government, embarking upon a policy which will not only contain

inflation, but provide for industrial expansion at the same time.

Trade union leaders one this at least to their members, whom they have bedie served during these past years. We can only hope that there are some among them who are big enough to accept self-examination realize that in oursuing unartainable objectives they are denying the mass of their members industrial prospects which could be theirs.

Yours sincerely WILLIAM SHEPHERD, 77 George Street. Portman Square, W1. January 20.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

National resources for drug abuse Grants to the performing arts

From Dr P. H. Connell

Sir, The past two years have seen a marked increase in the number of people seeking help for problems caused by drugs, Two developments, in particular, demand attention. Firstly, general practitioners are once again undertaking the care of opiate addicts, a burden from which. the setting up of the clinics in 1968 was supposed to relieve them; secondly, many addicts are being deterred from coming off drugs bythe long wait for admission to do toxification units.

At a meeting organized by this institute last aurumn, key people from 13 National Health Service drug dependency clinics and 10uning dependency chill's and to-voluntary agencies providing specialist services for drug abusers in and around London were ununimous that:

The present trend to devolving the funding of services, both statutory and non-statutory, for drug abusers must be reversed; central Government should accept the financial responsibility for provision of the care costs of specialist drug services. It is wholly inappropriate that a field of care which is inextricably finked with national factors and international ramifications should have to depend on local resources for funding.

Those involved in drug misuse are often difficult people who attract little sympathy or understanding. The effect of local funding, where competition with more attractive client groups is unavoidably direct, is to exclude many drug addicts The present trend to devolving

is to exclude many drug addicts from specialist care. Increasingly, local funding has come to mean the withdrawal of support from re-

sources and personnel at a time From Professor E. G. Wedell when the numbers needing such care are acknowledged to be rising. Central Government should recognize the need for a national response to a national problem and facilitate through the provision of core anding. . The law in relation to prescribing

for addicts should be modified. On the one hand, all drogs that are or might be used to maintain, drug might he used to maintain drug additts should only he prescribable to them by specially licensed doctors, is the restrictions that currently apply to heroin and cocaine should be extended. As a carollary, the nossibility of extending licensing to doctors outside haspitals should be urgently examined. A condition of the licence could be that the doctor, works in consultation with or under the supervision of the nearest appropriate specialist facility, thus providing opportunity both for supmoviding epopulative both for sup-part for the oracitioner and more thorough monitoring of maintenance prescribing.

3. Detoxification needs to be more readily available to drug users wishing to withdraw. A first solution might be the establishment of a might be the establishment of a central clearing house (like the emergency bed service) that could ensure that the existing facilities are fully used. This might also farilities the assessment of what additional detoxification facilities might be needed.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP CONNELL, Chairman, Institute for the Study of Drug Dependence. Kingsbury House. 3 Blackburn Road, NW6. January 19.

Cycles in society From Professor Ivor Mills

Sir, The description of business cycles by Mr Rees-Moga (January 13) is very interesting as a reflection of changes in human society. He remarks that the changes in business cycles between 1945 and 1973 respectively. 1973 were too mild to relate them to underlying theory. This probably does not apply to unemployment in this country. For some years Social Trends has published a chart indi-cating the peaks and troughs of unemployment for the past thirty

years.
Profound changes in unemploycent occurred eyen in the time before 1973: the years of the peaks are shown in the table. Year of peak Unemployment

(moving quarterly average) 325,000 429,000 1959 1963 1968 514.000 555.000 1972 870,000 1,455,000

The : successive The successive peaks rise exponentially (and so do the intervening croughs) and do not seem to be related to which political party was in power. From the data one can estimate that the next peak is due in 1981 or 1982 and its height (if similar underlying factors pre-vail) would be about 2.52 million

for this year or 3.02 million for next

year.

By late 1532 the peak will be past and the present politicians in power will no doubt be rejoicing in the downswing of unemployment. The trough would be followed by a new peak of unemployment and it would be expected about 1936. The extrapolated data would suggest that that peak would reach 692 "Williams". peak would reach 6.92 million unemployed.

One of the many social disturb-onces which have risen exponen-tially over the same time is attempted suicide. The numbers in attempted suicide. The numbers in Cambridge have been falling since July, 1979, and in Edinburgh a little earlier. The reason for this continuing fall is not at present clear but, dare we think, it may herald a change in society and in our apparent headlong plunge to total dissert. disaster.

Understanding the fluctuations of social parameters is of great society, especially as so many factors have looked increasingly depressing in the last fifteen to twenty years. Yours faithfully,

IVOR H. MILLS, University of Cambridge Clinical School (Department of Medicine), Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge.

January 15.

More than one mind

From Mrs Katharine Thweites Sir. Nothing is more likely to damp enthusiasm than a confusion of aims and so it may be that complaints about diminished enthusiasm for this year's week Christian unity indicate a need to raise the fundamental question as to what the ecumenical movement is

all about.
Insofar us it concerns the establishment of a spirit of charity and tolerance between the denominations, with all the opportunities for mutual understanding and Christian witness that this implies, the churches can congratulate themselves on having come a very long way. But if ecumenism is also about the achievement of universal doctrinal agreement; then Christians must admit that they still have a long way to go; moreover techniflies which were appropriate in the first part of the journey are not necessarily helpful in the second

The point has been reached at-The point has been rescret at which it is possible to make common cause in the bursuit of truth, rather than to do bartle in an attempt to score points off the enemy, but this will never by done entirely honestly so long as the aim of ecumenism continues to be seen primarily as the fostering of some kind of psychological "rogetherness", as it might be to bring about

an ever more perfect relationship between a group of close friends. For as long as this attitude prebe tempted to fudge sentine differences and to water down their faith, nr stiffen ir up as the case may be in order that it may more nearly occord with that of another church, Joint theological inquiries will be set up which founder on the fact that they are directed, not at eluci-dating the truth for truth's sake but ar secking agreement for agreement's sake and to do this is to risk producing something essentially sourious. It might almost he said that what is chiefly agreed under these conditions is that the trath he concealed, or at least not fully brought out, in the interests of a

purely nominal unity.

But why should it be feared that objective theological inquiry might provide an obstacle in the path of Christian unity? It is the essence of true friendship that each respects the other charter right to an independent the other's right to an independent

oninion and, for those who conceive of unity as a charitable association of Christians who are of more than one mind, the goal has largely been reached; the "scandal" of Chris-tian disunity is over. Such divisions as remain, or may arise; can hardly be labelled scandalous, rather it could be said that to expect them to disappear altogether would be to

expect a miracle.
At the same time, neither have they anything to fear who do indeed look for such a miracle and who hope to see all Christians doctrinally of one mind, for they surely envisage ultimate unity as being in the mind of Christ who declares bimself to be the truth For these it follows that singleminded pursuit of the truth for its end, will very certainly lead them where they want to go. Yours faithfulls,

K. M. THWAITES. Milatherpe, Winchester, Hampshire. January 19.

From Elizabeth Lady Williams Sir. Whilst cathedrals debate, this remote Dorset village has acted. Each year a large number of boys from a Roman Catholic school camp lent and shared our parish church for their Mass. Last year (and supported by their priest) we decided not to sir back in our own. church whilst they received the sacrament. So the Anglican sacrament was reserved by our parish priest and a joint Communion service was then held. When the service was then need; when the sacrament was offered we all went to the altar in two lines, RCs on the left (left footers?) and Anglicans on the right; and each received the sacrament from their own priest. It was a most moving and memorable occasion and enabled

two local parishioners of a mixed marriage to walk to the altar together and receive Communion together. Surely what Littlebredy can do Canterbury can follow?
Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH M. C. WILLIAMS. Bridehead. Dorchester.

January 19.

Countryside conservation From Mr Peter Hardy, MP jor

Rother Valley (Luhour) Sir. Oliver Stanley, of the Country Landowners' Association, may have been right to remind us (feature, January 14) that our countryside is a product of agriculture and that many farmers are concerned about conservation.

But Mr Stanley's article really dverlooks the severity of habitat loss in recent years. There may he 3.535 sites of stientific interest, but the fact is that each year 4 per cent or 5 per cent of these sites are heing ruined, usually as a consequence of occupier or nwner-section. I accept that taxation policy may have a part to play in ensuring that our national heritage is not heedlessly sacrificed. Much of it must is enormously important, not only for ourselves, but from the point of view of tourism.

There is, of course, another approach which may be relevant, if a farmer completely disdains conservation, if his holding becomes industrialized, then agricultural derating may be increasingly questioned. Indeed, I suggest that derating should be related to the retention of the heritage.
I do not suppose the CLA would

be eager to see such a development, but given the pace of destruction. existing arrangements are obviously inadequate.
Yours faithfully,
PETER HARDY,
House of Commons. inadequate.

From Mr Jon de Blieck

Sir, The minor adjustments of the Arts Council's grants for 1981-82 reflect a worrying absence of strategic thinking in the council as well as tactical ineptitude. Sir Ralph Richardson (letter, January 2) has drawn attention to the strategic error of cutting down on the seed corn represented by the grant to the National Youth Theatre; Mr. Jamieson (letter, January 8), to the recitical error of giving the D'Oyly Carre Company no encouragement.

ractical error of giving the D'Gyly Carre Company no encouragement to raise its standards.

The approach of the council to what it calls "building-based drama" further illustrates thas deficiencies. Such drama is essentially regional whether provided in London or elsewhere. Moreover, one of the duties of the council is "to increase the accessibility of the arts throughout Great Britain". And yet, before the recent changes. yet, before the recent changes, about £8.3m went to theatres in the London commuter area whose population is about 13 million, and only about £5m to the rest of England; where about 33 million people live (Scotland and Wales have their own councils and are excluded from

these figures).
This distrimination is not new.
What is new is the evident absurdity of attaching the term national to a particular theatre rather than to a particular quality of production it has in recent years of production. It has in recent years not critics, if not to the Arts' Council, that productions of national quality can now be found in at least half a dozen cities besides. London, Morenter, Iew besides London. Morenver, lew people are now more than 50 or so miles from a theatre of actual or potential national standing. So, there is no longer any fustification for depriving them of access to such theatre by spending £5m pn a National Theatre to which they cannot get, at the expense of adequate provision for the theatres of national" standing which they can wist easily.

can visit easily. Sheer ingenuity and dedication are no longer enough. If, these theatres are to be saved the council must change its strategy. If is does not it will have on its conscience the death by maintrition of the most significant growth of truly national theatre in the country history. Yours faithfully

GEORGE WEDELL 18 Cranmer Road Manchester. January 17.

Academics in Yugoslavia From Professor J. W. N. Watkins and Professor E. A. Gellner

Sir, Seven professors of the university of Belgrade, the so-called Praxis group, baye now been fired from the university. This follows the enactment last June by the Serbian Assembly of a new university law which decreed that unless the ment wounterly within the they went voluntarily within six months, they would be fired with loss of employment rights. They had been suspended from their teaching duties since 1975. During their suspension they received a reduced salary and were allowed to take visiting positions in univer-sities abroad. Now at least one of them has had his passport confiscated. It looks to us as though they

and rightless in Yugoslaviz. No court action has ever been taken against them. It is they who have rried to go to court (to sue a party official for slander and to challenge the constitutionality of this new law); but they were stopped from

For Western scholars it is depres-sing to watch the government of the country that so bravely defied first Nazism and then Stallnism trying to bully into silence a handful of thinkers whose sin is their uncom-promising intellectual integrity. Yours faithfully. I-W. N. WATKINS.

ERNEST GELLNER London School of Economics and Robitical Science, Houghton Street, WC2 are now found to be rear benuness. Junuary 12. ...

Rugby football injuries

From the Headmaster of Keil School Sir, I write as the headmaster of a small independent school which none the less has a reputation for the quality of its rugby football, and also as the father of one of the victims of a serious rugby injury about six weeks ago which gave rise to the present correspondence in your columns. From the thought and discussion which have been a large part of my life in those weeks, two points emerge.

The undoubted increase in the

amount of serious injury seems to march the increase in the amount of competitive, as opposed to friendly rugby. Some of your correspondents have sought to blame captains in this context, but I think that the fault-too often lies with the coach who seems to believe with the coach who seems to believe that it is an essential part of his duties, to "psych up?" (in the modern jargon) his team so that they will do things which in saner moments both he and they would regard as dangerous to the point of lunary. One of the serious injury cases being treezed at Stoke Mande-ville even now is there because he attempted to use his head as a battering ram against an opponent

More positively, however, thoughtful coarnes hold that effi-cient rugby stems from the correct application of "body methanics", which in turn incorporates the safe way of performing the various skills required. The trouble is that far too few of the people engaged in coaching have the proper knowledge of these priociples. A quick check early this term in this school has revealed that nearly all masters coaching rugby are quick to confess that their knowledge of the necessary rudi-ments of sent-preservation is slight. The young well-trained master in charge of the 1st XV is going to teach them—and quickly—but why did we want so long?

colleagues to check whether their own bouses are well in order. With all respect, it is not enough that staff have attended short national or regional coaching courses. The knowledge we are talking about is learned in colleges of physical education, and can properly be taught only by their products. Yours, erc.

B. WIDDOWSON, Headmaster, Keil School: Helensiee Road Dumberton. January 15.

The Aelfgyva mystery From Lady Merrison

Sir, What a treat, a Monday morning test for medieval historians (feature, January 19) I At the risk of sounding ungrateful, I must point out that it is usual to be able to turn the page upside down or some such thing to find the full list of hidden errors. May I provide one? hidden errors. May I provide one?

1. To begin with the real name of Aelfgyva was not Emma but Aelfgyva. Canote married two Aelfgyva. The first was Aelfgyva, daughter of the earldorman Aelfhelm, whom he macried Scandinavian style (more Danico). The second was Emma of Normandy, who had changed her name to Aelfgyva on her marriage to the English king. Aedigled The scandar, as Dr. McNulty correctly said (cp. your Correspondent today). said (cp your Correspondent today), was attached to the first, whom the Anglo-Saxon Chronicler refers to as the other Aelfgyva.

2. Naturally, therefore, the Encomium Emmee "did not contain a word of rebuttal of the alleged sexual impropriety". The impropriety was not Emma's. 3. The figures in the borders of the

tapestry do from time to time link with the main section, as when the crowd points to Halley's comet in the top border while in the lower border while in the nower border below the enthroned Harold, are the ghostly hazardn ships presaged by the omen.

The battle of interpretation is

best left to Dr McNulty and Mr working Tools, 1964.
Ronay, But whatever the scene Yours faithfully, means—and the instead Spans off GODPREY BEATON, stage left in the lower border is The White House, doing and representing whatever 56 Park Lane, naked figures with added do and Sandbach, Cheshire,

represent the heroically propor-tioned naked figure below Aelfgyva is making an explicitly rude gesture towards her with his left hand. One shudders to think how well founded Re Ronay wants his linking to be.

4. Norway did claim the English throne in 1066. King Harold Hardrada invaded in September in

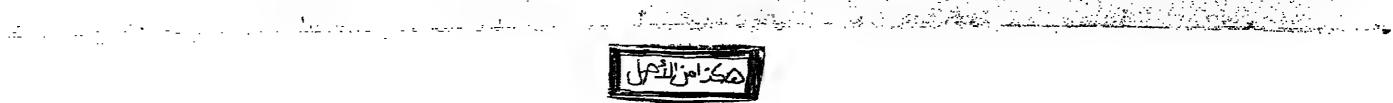
Hardrada invaded in September in order to take it, possibly on the basis of a treaty between Harthacmur and Magnus of Norway.

S. What do gou, Sin call "the eve of 1066"? Surely Edward the Exila was not in a "three-cornered fight" then; he died in 1057.

Your next challenge is eagerly awaited.

awaited. You's faithfully, MAUREEN MERRISON, Degartment of History, University of Bristol January 19.

From Mr Godfrey Beaton Sir, The "naked rustic" under the Acifgara scene, referred to by Gabriel Ronay ("The strange lady of Bayeux", January 19), is not "wielding an adze". He is using an early type of side-axe, known as a Taxe to trim the edge of a board. This kind of axe was beyelled on one face of the blade only. The other face was flat and enabled number to be trued to a line. Readers will find the T-axe illustrated and described in W. L. Goodman's A History of Woodworking Tools, 1954.
Yours faithfully.
GODPREY BEATON,





COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 22: The Queen was represented by the Lord Culien of Ashbourne (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Service for Sir Kenneth (Cornerly Governor-Memorial Service for Sir Kenneth Blackburne (formerly Governor-General of Jamaica) which was held in the Crypt Chapel of St Paul's Cathedral this morning.

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 22: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was represented by Sir Francis Legh at the Memorial Service for Sir Kenneth Blackburne which was held in the Crypt Chapel of St Paul's Cathedral this morning.

KENSINGTON PALACE January 22: Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as President. this morning attended a meeting of the Ladies' Guild of the St John Ophthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem, at 1 Grosvenor Crescent, London.

Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott, was in the Market.

Birthdays today

Lord Denning, 82; the Hon Sir Hugh Fraser, MP. 63; Sir Arthur Lewis, 66; Sir James Lighthill, 57; His Honour J. F. Marnan, QC, 73; Lord Strathcarron, 57.

Today's engagements

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Bridge: International Pairs Championship, Hyde Park Hotel, Piccadilly, 8.

Lectures: Monologue and dialogue, the image, by André Geipke, Verena von Gagern. Photographers Gallery, 5 and 8 Great Newport Street, 7,30: Mark Rothko, Sarah Reid, Tate Gallery, 1: Holbein, Audrey Tyndali, National Gallery, 1: Aids to beauty in Greece and Rome, Anne Peorson, British Museum, 11,30; Greek sculpture decorating architecture, by Susan Woodlord, British Museum, 1,15.

Susan Woodlord, British Museum, 1.15.
Exhibitions: Prizewinners in 1980 Hunding Group art compedition. Mail Galleries, 10-7; Spectral palmings, Roy Bowden, Dollisfield Library, Totteridge Lane, Barnet, 11-1; Canaletto, paintings, drawings and etchings, Queed's Gallery, Buckingham Palace Road, 11-5; Asian art, British Museum, 10-5.
Lunchtime music: Jeremy Pilsell, organ, St. Paul's Cathedral, 12-30; Elizabeth Mitchell, piano, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Barbican.

and Drama, Barbican.



Teohna Williams, aged 14, of Brighton, who won the Newsboy/ Newsgirl of the Year award in London yesterday.

Latest wills

Mrs Jane Walch, of Bolton, Greater Manchester, left estate valued at £264,721 net. After pervalued at £264,721 net. After personal and other bequests she left the residue equally between the RNIB, Help the Aged, Salvation Army, and Cheshire Foundation. Other estates include Inet, before tax paid):

Sankes, Mr John Digby Hyde, of Orford, Kent, solicitor . £209,805 Camey, Miss Margaret Berengere Campbell, of Pinner, Middlesex £147,887.

Child, Mr George Cresswell, of

London ... £141,838 Millard, Mr Kenneth Ernest, of Pattingham Scaffordships Millard, Mr Kenneth Ernest, of Pattingham, Staffordshire, director E886,449
Phillips, Lieutenant-Colonel Harold Pedro Joseph, of Alford, Aberdeenshire £267,086
Spencer, Mr George Clifford, of Driffield, Humberside £431,138
Tacchi, Mrs Charlotte, of Wyton, Cambridgeshire £296,010

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr W. H. M. Parente and Miss-A. J.-Swan and Miss-A. J.-Swan

The engagement has been amounced and the marriage will shortly take place between William only son of the late Prince Gaetano Parente and of the late Lady Margaret Parente, of Capri, Italy, and Alison, younger daughter of the late Dr John Swan and of Mrs John Swan, of Storrington, Sussex.

Mr J. F. Bengouch and Miss J. M. Stainton and Miss J. M. Stainton
The engagement is announced hetween jonathan, younger son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Piers Bengough, of Great House, Canon Pyon, Herefordshire, and Julia, daughter of Sir Anthony Stainton, of The Old Bakehouse, Petham, Kont

Mr J. A. Cordell and Miss K. L. Beak and Miss K. L. Beak
The engagement is announced hetween Andrew, son of the late
Mr J. F. Cordell and Mrs M.
Cordell, of Wandom Road, Loudon, SW6, and Kerl, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. A.
Beal, of Lychaste Cottage, Dorchester, Oxfordshire.

Mr S. M. Ransom Jones and Miss A. K. Page

and Miss. A. A. Page
The engagement is announced
between Steven, younger son of
Mr and Mrs. M. Parsom Jones, of
Heathercote, Widmer End, Buckinghamshire, and Alison, younger twin daughter of Mr and Mrs N. G. Page, of Lyndhurst, Harle-merc, Buckinghamshire.

Mr P. R. Whisker and Miss P. M. Aldhous

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs G. R. Whisker, of Rathgar, Dublin, and Patricia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Aldhous, of Bath.

Major J. G. P. White and Miss S. M. Spencer Moore

The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Mr W. P. White. Deputy Inspector General of Indian Police, and Mrs White, of Bournemouth, and Sasha, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. F. Spencer Moore, of Grayshott, Hampshire.

Mr C. M. Windridge and Miss S. A. Oliver

the engagement is announced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs L. J. Windridge, of Trellech. Monmouthshire, and Sally Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. R. Oliver, of Bishopston, Relstol.

Marriages

Mr R. C. W. Llewellyn and Miss L. R. Gilmous

and Miss L. R. Gilmour
The marriage took place yesterday
at Holy Trinity. Brompton,
between Mr Robert Crofts Williams
Llewellyn, elder son of Sir David
and Lady Llewellyn, of The Glebe,
Yattendon, Berkshire, and Miss
Lucioda Roberte Gilmour, only
daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander
Glimour, of Denchworth Manor,
Wantage, Oxfordshire. The Rev
J. A. K. Millar and Canon Douglas
Pearce officlated.
The bride, who was given in
marriage by her father, was
attended by Joshua Dixon, Jonathan Orange, Lennora Fitzgibbons,
Letia Court, Victoria Poche, CeliaDinwiddy, Ereily Stead, MarieLouise Agius, Rachel Gilmour and
Rosie Collins. Mr Tiroothy Bonham
was best man.

was best man.

A reception was held at St
James's Palace and the honeymoon

will be spent abroad.

Mr D. Walters, MP and Miss B. Shearer

The marriage took place in London yesterday between Mr. Dennis Walters, MP, and Miss Bridgett Shearer, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Francis Shearer.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr David Alkinson, MP for Bournemouth, East, to be parlia-mentary private secretary to Mr Paul Channon, Minister for the

Sir Goronwy Daniel to be chairman of the Weish Fourth Channel Authority for television and Mr Alwyn Roberts, Professor Huw Morris-Jones, Dr Glyn Tegal Hughes and Mr D. Ken Jones to

per memoers.

Prison service: Mr Roland Attrill to be Deputy Regional Director.

Midland region; Mr John Green to he governor of Birmingham prison; Mr David Brooke to be deputy regional director, Northern region; Mr Jack Williams to be deputy regional director, Southwest region; Mr Edwin Williams to be governor of Long Lartin to be governor of Long Lartin Prison; Mr John Cooper to head-quarters staff; Mr Jack Shulman to be governor of Rochester Borstal; Mr James Reid to be governor of Standford Hill Prison.

Memorial service Sir Kenneth Blackburne

Sir Kenneth Blackburne
The Queen was represented by
Lord Cullen of Ashbourne at a
memorial service for Sir Kenneth
Blackburne held in the Crypt
Chapel of St Paul's Cathedral
yesterday. Princess Margaret,
Countess of Snowdon, was represented by Major the Hon Sir
Francis Legh. The Archdeacon of
London officiated, assisted by the
Rev Michael Moxon. The Dean
of St Paul's led the prayers and
the Right Rev Hugh Blackburne
(brother) was robed and in the
sanctuary. The High Commissioner
for Jamaica read the lesson and.
Sir John Martin gave an address.
Others present included: Sir John Martin gave an acoress, Others present included: Lady Blackburne (widow). Air Martin Blackburne (son). Mr and Mrs Richard-Hall (son-in-law and daughter). Juliette and Amanda Hall (son-ddaughters). Mrs Hugh Blackburne (stato-law Ni John Blackburne. Miss Rosemary Black-burne. Mr. Peler Chackfueld. Mr. Churles Bjackburne. Miss Belly Black-burne. Mr. Neville Blackburne: Mr. and

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Airey Neave memorial: Mr Louis Fitz-

Gibbon (left), winner of the first Airey Neave Memorial Scholarship, receiving a

cheque and a certificate yesterday from Lady Airey of Abingdon. With them are Sir

Pattenmakers' Company

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended

Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Pattenmakers' Company held last night at Manston House. The Master, Dr F. M. H. Taylor, presided, assisted by the Upper Warden, Mr E. Astaire, and the Renter Warden, Mr E. Rayne, and their ladies. The Master, Mr R. L. Page, MP. and Mr M. Hoban, Headmaster of Harrow School, were the speakers. Other guests included:

Society of Education Officers

Mr Rhodes Boyson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, De-partment of Education and

partment of Education and Science, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Soci-

ery of Education Officers held at the Royal Over-Seas League last night, Mr J. F. Chadderton, direc-tor of education, Newcastle upon Tyne, and president of the society,

The Bycon Society held a reception at Brown's Hotel yesterday evening. Professor Jon Stallworthy delivered a lecture afterwards on "The Making of a Hero". Mr William St Clair presided. The Countess of Longford, Mr John Murray and Mr Michael Rees, vice-presidents. were among those

presidents, were among those

Receptions

Byron Society

Luncheons

HM Government

Sir Ian Gilmour, Lord Privy Seal,

was host at a luncheon given at 1 Carlton Gardens: yesterday in honour of the Ambassador of

bonour of the Ambassador of Saudi Arabla. Among those present were:

Lord Denman, the Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, Sir John Graham, Sir Willio Morris. Mr. Abdullah Barry, Mr. Andrew Faulds, MP, Mr. J., Wallace, Mr. C. Douglas-Home, Mr. R. Johns, Mr. K. Siephens, Mr. S. Gell, Mr. K. Kyle, Dr. N. E. Yapp, Mr. H. D. A. C. Miers and Mr. A. K. C. Wood,

The West Africa Committee gave a luncheon in honour of Lord Carrington, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth

Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister of Overseas Development, at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. Mr E. C. Judd, chair-

City of Westminster Chamber of

Mr William Rees-Mogg was the guest of bonour and principal speaker at a luncheon given by the City of Westminster Chamber of Commerce at the Royal Lancaster Hotel yesterday. Others present included:

The Hop John Lindesay-Rethume, chairman of the chamber, the Deputy Lord Mayor of Woshnirster, the leader of the GLC and Mr Peter Dow,

Speaker
The Speaker gave a dinner in
Speaker's House yesterday in
honour of the Blacksmiths' Com-

Lord Maybray-King. Mr J P. Gregos Chamberlain of the City of London's. Mr J. Green (Renter Warden's Mr A. A. Baldwin | Third Warden's Mr A. A. Baldwin | Third Warden's Mr L. M. Liell (Father of the Company). Mr L. M. Liell (Father of the Company).

pany. The guests were:

Dinners

West Africa Committee

25 years ago From The Times of Monday, January 23, 1956

Defence of Formosa

From Our Own Correspondent.
Washington, Jan 22.—The United
States has again proclaimed its
firm intention of defending Formosa under its security pact with
the Chinese Nationalists, a right of
self-defence which, officials insist,
is not negonable. The explosive
implications of the-dispute still
loom large in a long paper, with
supporting documents, put out by
the State Department yesterday on
the ambassadorial talks at Geneva
between the American and Peking
governments, which now seem to
have entered the phase of open
propaganda. This American move
seems to have been prompted by
the version of the Geneva negotiations issued last, week by the
Chinese Communists who
reproached the American mission
headed by Mr Johnsod, the ambassador in Prague, with dragging
their feet; but it washington of Sir
Anthony Eden and, Mr Selwyn
Lloyd whose conversations here
are bound to bear, on various
aspects of the Formosa situation.
Perhaps this is why the opportunity bas now been taken of saying that the inherent American
position is not open to modification. Defence of Formosa

position is not open to modifica-

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent
Two museums fought for poxession of a single ninetzenth-century boot at Phillips yesterday. The Northampton Museum has for many years been building up an historic collection of foot-ear; the Victoria and Albert were activated with a hid of \$50, which the Victoria and Albert were not prepared to match.

The boot in question was a kneed length, affair, custom built by Henry Bull of Northampton in 1844 for General Tom Thumb. The "General Tom Thumb. The "General Tom Thumb. The "General Tom Thumb. The theatre, appearing both on the London and New York stages, in sold for \$1,000 (estimate 1800).

Museums in fight for Tom Thumb's boot the mid-nineteenth century. His £1,000). Dubroni patented in 1564 a (camera designed to carry out all the stages of development from sensitizing the plate to develop-ing the negative. It did not work too well and is now a consider-

Sotheby's cole of fine jewels totalled 1347, 150, with 21 per cent pursoid A New Jersoy dealer paid 151,000 (estimate 118,000-122,500) for a large (7.41 carats) cushion-shaped county diamond mounted as a brooch between two marquise-shaped diamonds. The pretty yellow diamond brough the protty yellow diamond brough the team visiting. Cambridge some mounts ago: the owner expected bertrinket to be worth only a thousand or two.

Surbect's sale of silver and plate registed \$109,011, with 15 per cent unsold, and a saic of Erglish matercolours made \$25,475, with 5 per cent unsold.

A: Christie's a sale of fine Fredish furniture and carpets inclined first little with 5 per cent unself first little with 5 per cent unself first little with 5 per cent unself De Hauland paid £8,000 (estimate £3,000 £1,000) for a Queen Anne habitat bureau-cabine; with a double-domed cornice and mirror-glazed cupboard doors. Demburster relic: A gold cigarette case presented to the Dambuster here. Gay Gisson, VC, to commemorate his RAF wartime raid was sold at Sotheby's in London to Mr Peter Skinner, a former RAF publ. for £4,600, almost six times more than was expected.

Academy's overdraft increasing

By Kenneth Gosling . Arts Reporter

There had not been a single year in the past 21 when the Royal Academy had been able to meet expenditure out of its regular income. Mr Sidney C. Hutchison, the academy's secretary, said yesterday. But over the same period, he said, there had been 15 occasions when the exhibition programmes had shown a surplus.

Mr Hurchison was speaking at the aumal press conference, when it was announced that despite a number of successful exhibitions the academy closed last year with an overdraft of £320,000. But that ber an improvement on November, 1979, just before the Post-Impressionism exhibition, when it stood at £900.000.

In a statement on its finances, the academy said income had doubled over the past two years; but without the means to produce enough revenue to cover anything substantially in excess of immediate exhibition costs, the over-draft was increasing at a rate of between 59,000 and 512,000 a

Sir Hugh Casson, president, said the current exhibition, "A New Spirit in Painting", had been Visited by 10.000 people in the first week, but it was too soon to say whether it would cover its cost, which were £200.000, but with an indemnity of £70.000. It was a controversial exhibition but one of the most stimulating be had Sir Hugh also announced that

the Leonardo Codex, purchased by Mr Arnold Rammer for £2.2m, would be on show at the scademy from July to October, together with a loan exhibition from the Queen's collection of works by Leonardo at Windsor.

Bedroom wall painting wins £5,000

By Our Arts Reporter
A picture which the Austrian-born artist Hans Schwarz once had hanging on his bedroom wall yesterday won him the first prize of £5,000 in the watercolour section of new art awards launched by a British company.

The painting, "Wills Neck Quantocks", was judged the winner by Mr Maurice Bradsbaw, of the Federation of British Artists, after the three judges, Sir Norman Reid, James Fitton and William Feaver, had failed to agree on an outright winner. of London held a reception for freemen of the city and their ladies at Lloyd's of London last night. The Master, Dr Philip Hogs, Hunting Group
The chairman of the Hunting
Group and Mrs Clive Hunting gave
a reception yesterday at the Mall
Galleries, SW1, on the occasion of
the presentation of the group's
national art competition prizes for
the best oil painting and best
watercolour of the year by a
British artist.

Outright winner.

The judges were however, manimous in their choice of the 25,000 prizewinner in the oil painting class, "Weymouth Bay, 1980", by Richard Eurich.
The Hunting Group National Art Prizes are to be presented annually; this year's contest attracted 3.280 entries, of which

Arts award for film director

2,000 were oils.

John Schlesinger, the film direc-tor, has been awarded the 1981 Shakespeare Prize from the FVS Foundation, of Hamburg, for his outstanding achievement in the arts, particularly in relation to the United Kingdom contribution the United Kingdom contribution to the European cultural heritage.

Mr Schlesinger, whese films include Billy Liar, Far Prom the Madding Crowd, Midnight Cowboy, Sunday Bloody Sunday and Yanks, will receive a cash award of about £5,400 and also the right to select the recipient of a scholar, while for a year's gudy at ship for a year's study at a German university.

pervading interplanetary space.

The solar wind becomes less dense with lacreasing distance from the Sun, so an analysis of the concentration of the gases in meteorites provides a clue to the original distance—from the Sun. Such an analysis gives distances between those of the Earth and of the asteroid belt, and implies that stopy meteorites original.

and of the asteroid belt, and implies that stony meteorites originated in the asteroid belt.

That theory is contradicted by dynamical considerations, which suggest that insufficient material could be displaced out of the asteroid belt to the Earth's proximity to account for the observed flux of stony meteorites. Comets, on the other hand, have orbits that often cross that of Earth, and so could provide the source of stony matter. But comets spend most of their existence in the far reaches of the solar system, contradicting the evidence from the gases in the meteorites. Regrettably, the new find does not appear to alleviate the dilemma.

Source: Nature, January 22, 1981

Science report

Photograph by Bill War was:

Guild of Freemen of the City of

London The Guild of Freemen of the City

and Mrs Hogg received the guests.

Royal Naval Engineering College
Mr Terence Cullen, Assistant
Under-Secretary of State, Naval
Personnel, was the guest of honour at a mess guest night dinner
held at the Royal Naval Engineering College, Manadon, yesterday.
Commander D. G. Wixon, commander of the college, presided.

The London Scottish
Officers of The London Scottish
held a guest night at regimental
headquarters last night. Colonel
A. F. Niekirk, Regimental Colonel,
presided. Major P. J. Lavden
received the guests, who included
Major-General A. C. S. Boswell,
Brigadier J. N. Ghika, Colonel D.
Carnegy-Arbuthnott. LieutenantColonel G. H. Peebles and the
Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey.

RAF Brampton
Air Marshal Sir John Gingell, Air
Officer Commanding in-Chief, RAF
Support Command, and officers of
Brampton Park Officers' Mess.
RAF Brampton; held a dinner last
night. Group Captain C. G. H.
Pierce presided. Air Chief Marshal
Sir Michael Beetham, Chief of the
'Air Staff, was the principal guest.

John Tilney, chairman of the memorial trust

(right), and Mr John Biggs-Davison, MP, a member of the judges' panel. Mr FitzGibbon

was awarded £5,000 for research into the

Bunting Group

Service dinners

The London Scottish

erosion of human rights in Somalia.

Astronomy: Fossil meteorite found inowa as chondrules and are found only on meteorites. It must have fallen into the sea and come to rest in the sediment on the sea 'floor. Those sediments, from the era termed "Ordovician" by geologists, were subsequently compressed to form limestone. Various distinct types of meteorite can be classified by their mineral composition. The fossil falls, finto the class known as "Hechondrite", stony meteorites containing a large amount of iron. An interesting feature is that most Hechondrites discovered so far are thought to have been formed in space only four million years ago, perhaps by the collision of two minor bodies in the solar system, such as asteroids or comets, both of which contain chondrite materials. Although older examples of the type are known, none was formed more than a hundred million years ago. The new find indicates, that, such bodies were orbiting the Sun in the vicioity of the Earth nearly half a billion years ago. The new find is intrinsically interesting because it is a rare sample of the early solar system. But it is even more interesting on the assumption, as is likely, that it typical of the meteorites that were hitting the Earth during the Ordovician era. That highlights a problem puzzling meteoric experts. Where do the chondritic meteorites come from? Some experts point to gases trapped in the surfaces of the meteorites from the solar wind, the rarefied stream of gases emitted by the Sun and pervading interplanetary space. The solar wind becomes less

By the Staff of Nature
Geologists investigating samples
from a region of Himestone in
Sweden have discovered a small
meteorite embedded in the rock.
Buried about 460 million years
ago, it is by far the oldest
meteorite known, and may provide important information about
the history of the solar system.
There are countless particles of
dust and rocks orbiting the Sun. There are countless particles of dost and rocks orbiting the Sud. many of which are "swept up" by the Earth. Entering the atmosphere at very high speeds, they become extremely hot through friction with the air. Some larger particles, which may be metres in diameter for, in very rare cases, kilometres), do not burn up completely, before reaching the Earth. In cases where the surviving rock, known as a meteorite, is large, a huge crater may be gouged out of the Earth's surface. Such was the cause of the great crater in Arizons. More commonly, however, only small rocks. a few centimetres in diameter, fall to the ground.

Meteorites are rare, and it is not surprising that few if any have been found buried in geobacical formations. But the latest find (the first definite example of a fossil meteorite) stands out as a lump or rock completely different from the surrounding limestone bed. It also has circular markings on its surface, which are

University news

Sir Patrick Nairne has been elec-ted Master of St Catherine's Col-lege. He will retire as Permanent Secretary. Department of Health and Social Security, in the summer and take up the post in Michael Blu tons.

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Election:
LINCOLN COLLEGE: Honorary Sellowculp. Professor Eir Edward Absoham.

FRS. MA. PPhil. National Resourch Development Carber-ation: \$26.500 to Dr C. Railedge for an investigation entitled Microbial Grants

Dr. R. Avegard for study of berrico chemical aspects of enhanced all recovery; \$21,000 to Professor G. W. Uraz and Professor in Ledwith. of Literpool University, for investigation of United Cryscal Boltomer systems \$2.5,00 to and Dr. J. Hill for cohisional versease in trobal technologe; \$2.7,750 to Professor F. J. Gryani Dr. D. Shaw. and Dr. C. G. Scott for study of soint estact characterization in the Visconternal and Dr. C. G. Scott for study of soint estact characterization in the Visconternal Advanced Characterization in the Visconternal Cr. Adv. John to Professor F. J. Gryani Dr. D. State and Dr. C. G. Scott for study of separation of F. J. Rys. and Dr. E. L. Thomas for sunsy, of steps bandwidth CMT detector fabrication; \$3.5,075 to Professor J. G. Phillips der single of stopping physiological reconstructions to stress in swian species: \$10.729 to Mr. D. V. Holberton for whre studies of tubbs and associated control in the control of single stockers function in the doubtish Section of the control of the control of the control of the control of the Dr. Innex Section Con ce Research Council : £20,000 to

corebrospinal fluid system in the rat. National Cool Board ES, 041 to J. J. Hill and Mr R. P. Young Study of rock quarty evaluation efficient blast design. Aston Appointments

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OBITUARY

DR CONMAR ROBINSON Research on liquid crystals

Dr Conmar Robinson died on have illustrated many a lecture January 13 at the age of 82.

He was born at Chatham on February 18, 1898, the younger on of a doctor, William James Robinson. He was educated at Tonbridge and went on to study Chemistry at the Royal College of Science in Dublin. This was followed by a DSc at Utrecht University where he worked in Professor Kruyr's department, the beginning of his research career as a physical chemist. He was honorary Research Associate at University College, London from 1928 to 1937, and then carried out research into British Leather Manufacturers' Research Association until his laboratory was destroyed in an

Robinson worked at the Court-auld Research Laboratory at Maidenhead from its formation in 1946 until it was closed in 1962. He was much concerned 1962. He was much concerned They had two sons and a daughwith the development of the Courtauld atomic models which Joyce Ionides who survives him.

DR LEE LANDER

distinguished list of chest physicians who lent lustre to the Brompton Hospital in the post-1945 era. He was also a sound general obysician whose opinion was particularly valued in the life assurance world.

Frank Patrick Lee Lander was educated at Dover College and appointed physician to and appointed CBE.

tice, he rapidly established him-self as one of the leading London chest physicians. His major interest was in clinical rather than research problems, thus beloing to maintain the Briggs. They had two sons.

on the structure of polymers, including biologically important ones, such as nucleic acids and fibrous proteins. His main work however was on liquid crystal-line forms of solutions of the synthetic polypeptides which were a particular interest of the Courtauld Laboratory.

Robinson elucidated many of the features of the partially ordered structures which form spontaneously in solution of some of them. His work was very relevant to the study of sother liquid crystals which are now commonly used for the display of numbers and symbols in wrist watches, pocket calculators, etc. In his last published prior he speculated on a post sible connexion between struc-tures in liquid crystals and in the brightly coloured iridescent

coverings of some beetles.

In 1926 he married Greta fines Youngs who died in 1938.

the Middlesex Hospital where he qualified in 1930. After medical registrarships at the Middlesex Hospital and then the Brompton Hospital, he was Royal Free Hospital in 1937 and to the Brompton Hospital in 1939. No sooner had he thus established himself in the medical hierarchy than war broke out and from 1941 to 1945 he served in the RAMC in North Africa, Sicily and Italy being mentioned in dispatches On his return to civilian prac-

Dr Lee Lander, OBE, MD, balance between what were FRCP, who died on January 12 occasionally contending interact the age of 74, was one of the rests at the Bromoton Hospital: rests at the Bromoton Hospital; a balance which has done so much to enhance the reputation of this world famous chest has pital,

His interests however were: by no means confined to one speciality. At the Royal Free Hospital he was a much Hospital he was a much esteemed general physician and served the haspital well during its difficult transition period from Gray's Inn Road to Hampstead. For many years he was principal medical officer to the Guardian and Royal Exchange Assurance Group, a post de-manding a wide knowledge of medicine applied with a dis-

He was also a member of the Lord Chancellor's Pensions Appeals Tribunal where his judicial yet understanding approach to knotty clinical problems was much appreciated and he served his college-the Royal College of Physicians of London, of which he was a Fellow, as Censor and Senior Censor. He married in 1932 Dorothy

ern Ireland Parliament in 1938

and was Assistant Parliamentary Secretary. Ministry of Finance, in 1941-42 and from 1942 to 1944 Parliamentary Secretary and Chief Whip. In

CAPTAIN SIR NORMAN STRONGE He was elected to the North-

Captain Sir Norman Stronge, Bt, MC, for many years a leading figure in Northern Ireland politics, MP for Mid-Armagh from 1938 to 1969 and Speaker of the Northern Ireland House of Commons from 1945 to 1969, lost his life in a terrorist attack on his home. Tynan Abbey, co Armagh, on Wednesday, as announced in later editions of The Times yesterday. He was 85, His son James who took over his father's perliamentary sear on his retirement, also died in the attack.

Charles Norman Lockbart Stronge, eighth baronet, the son of Sir Edmond Sinclair Stronge, seventh baronet, was born on July 23, 1894 and educated at Eton. He served in the First World War with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and the Royal Irish Rifles winning a Royal Irish Rifles winning a Olive Hall, OBE, daughter of Military Cross. He was awarded Major H. T. Hall, They had a the Belgian Croix de Guerre son and three daughters, one of and was twice mentioned in whom is dead. His wife died dispatches.

1945 he began his long tenure of the office of Speaker of the His public service extended beyond Stormont for he was from 1939; chairman of the country council from 1944 to. 1955, a Justice of the Peace for the county and for co London-derry of which be was a former-High Sheriff. He was sworp of

father's baronetcy in 1939. He married in 1921 Gladys last year.

of the Stormont Parliament in

as a Unionist member for Mid-

Armagh. Later he was elected

to the Northern Ireland Comvention which sat until 1976 trying to get an agreement be-

tween the political parties in

the Northern Privy Council in

1946. He succeeded to his

MR JAMES STRONGE

Mr James Stronge, son and took over the Mid-Armagh scat heir of Sir Norman Stronge, Bt. in the Northern Ireland Parlia, was killed in a terrorist attack ment, holding it until the end on their home, Tynan Abbey, co Armagh, on Wednesday, as announced in later editions of 1972. In the following year he was elected to the Northern Ireland power-sharing Assembly. The Times yesterday. He was

James Matthew Stronge was born on June 21, 1932, and educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, where he took his degree in 1956. He was a captain in the Grenadier Guards (RARO).

Ulster as to what form of government should be returned to the province. He was a local magistrate.

On his father's retirement he-

ADMIRAL RENE EMILE GODFROY

Admiral René Emile Godfroy given by Admiral Darlan to sail who commanded the French Fleet at Alexandria, during the Second World War, died at Fréjus, in southern France on January 21. He was 96. In an agreement with Admiral Sir Andrew Cunning-ham, the Commander-in-Chief

of the British Mediterranean Fleet, he agreed on July 8, 1940, to immobilize his ships to prevent them being of use to the Germans after the fall of France. Godfroy had remained loval to Perain, the Vichy head state, but ignored orders

out of Alexandria immediately. He thus avoided the destruction of his ships, a fate which befell French naval units at Mers-el-Kebir, in Algeria, when most of them were sunk by British warships to prevent them falling into German.

In 1943 Godfroy's Elect sailed to Dakar, in Senegal, to place itself at the disposal of the Free French forces. Godfrog was immediately retired but was eventually reinstated in 1955.

gardens.
I have taken many visitor

dom as having been restored by an individual at considerable expense and almost immediately

MAJOR MICHAEL CRICHTON STUART? friend and neighbour old print he recreated that

hands.

May I draw attention to one I have taken many visiton aspect of Michael Crichton particularly from overseas.

Stuart's life of public service visit them and they have been according to the service of t

greatly admired by everyone.
gardening historian, Parc.
Cane, has written: "The case
of the garden at Falkland must which illustrates his devotion to Falkland Palace of which he was the hereditary keeper. On his return from service of the garden at Falkland must with the Scots Guards in the be unique in the United King. Western Desert and Italy, in the course of which he was wounded at Salerno, he turned his attention to the grounds of handed over for the public the Royal Palace. Its lawns, benefit to the National Trus frequented in Stuart times by for Scotland." It is nice to think the constitution of the state o regarding in Stuart times by for Scotland. It is nice to instruction will continue the war to grow vegetables. enjoy them and see in them with the help of his wife, fitting memorial to Michael Barbara, and making use of an work.

Signor Giovanni Battista Meneghini, who married Maria Callas, the opera singer, and was for some years her busi-ness manager, died on January 20 in Verooa. They were divorced in 1971 and Mme Callas died in 1977.

Sir David Anderson, Principal of the College of Technology, Birmingham, 1930-46, and Director of the Royal College of Science and Technology, Glasgow, 1946-59, died on January 18. He was 85.

Mr Michael Fane, vice-chair man of the British Boxing Box of control, has died sudden at the age of 51. He was a steward of the board for 20 years, and was the son of former chairman, J. Onslot

Brigadier Thomas George Brigadier Thomas George, Graham Cooper, ORE, whe died on January 9, was a Deputy Lieutenant for Leicestershire, 2, former honorary secretary of the Belvoir Hunt and chairman of Pane Club of Pony Club.

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Esso has ordered many of its biggest garages in the Midlands TRONGE by up to 7p a gallon. This is because some of the biggest independent outlets did not impose last week's Opec increase which lifted the average pump reprice to £1.34 a gallon.
Price 'war', page 16

Metal Box inquiry

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Wall Street lower
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verage closed 5.81 points down CICIII () S1 0 940.44. The 5-SDR was to figures given ment of Energy.

Liverpool refinery will mean loss of 1,600 jobs Tate & Lyle is to close its Movement, described the move Liverpool relinery with the loss

Tate & Lyle closure of

of 1.600 jobs because of over-capacity in the domestic sugar cane industry.

Lord Jellicoe, chairman, said the closure may ed one of the saddest days of his life. But, he added, "We are convinced we were left with no alternative." Tate calculares that the total cost of keeping the refinery open is 510m a year.

The decision was attacked by Mr Robert Parry, Labour MP for Liverpool, Scotland Exchange, in which the refinery is located. He described it as "yet another tragedy for Liverpool". Unemployment in the area is around 15 per cent.

Opposition to the closure Opposition to the closure opposition to the closure came from other quarters as well. The EEC is bound under the Lome convention to import about 1.3 million toones of

about 1.3 million toones of care sugar a rear from developing countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific. Most of this cane sugar is relined by Tate in Britain. These producers fear that cutting back refining capacity will reduce their exports.

Dr Cedric Grant, High Commissioner for Guyana, said "This is a matter of profound concern to all the governments involved which we shall be taking up with the British Government at the highest level," Mr John Mitchell, direc-

Electricity

council hits

price rises

The National Electricity Con-

sultative Council yesterday reacted angrily to the proposed electricity tariff increases which will raise domestic fuel

bills by at least 10 per cent

and put between 14 and 16 per cent on industry charges from

rate but told the South East

Area Board that this increase

must be the only one within the next 12 months.

The other 11 area boards will

meet their consultative councils between now and the end of February. It is expected that most of the councils will accept

the increases but that they will ask the boards to give them an

undertaking that this will be

Many prime industrial users are increasingly concerned about energy tosts which are

reducing the competitiveness of British goods against those from

countries where energy prices

are lower.
The Confederation of British

Industry said: "We are studying the details of the proposal

to increase electricity prices, but any further increase will

come as another twist in the inflationary spiral for hard pressed British industry."

ing since last autumn for relief

on energy prices for large users who have been paying more than their continental rivals for electricity, gas and oil.

Less energy used: Energy con-sumption by industry during 1980 was more than 15 per cent

down on 1979. Domestic con-

sumption was down by a little

less than 8 per cent; according

12p to 672p 3p to 38p 25p to 210p

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The CBI has been campaign-

the only increase this year.

By Bill Johnstone

as a "chronic blow to Common-wealth sugar producers"

Government ministers were taking a different line. They pointed out that the total capacity of Tate's (wo other refineries in London and Greenock, would be only about 60,000 tonnes below the actual imports from the ACP countries last year of around 1.1 million

For Tate, closure of the refinery has to be seen in the context of a long struggle to restore its low level of profita-

Last year the company made trading profits in the United Kingdom of £5.6m on sugar refining and production compared with £5.4m in the previous year. But Tare expects that it could add another £8m to sugar profits this year after eliminating the running losses at Liverpool and the resulting loss of production at the other refineries.

Tate believes that it is on the

verge of overcoming the long-term problem which arises from the relatively unfavourable treatment given to cane as opposed to beet sugar by the EEC. But it is still pressing for the beet sugar quota allotted to the British Sugar Corporation to be reduced. Although the low return on the sugar assets has held back

areas last year. Commodity trad-ing, mainly in sugar, performed strongly, raising trading profits from £17.4m to £32.5m; where it makes up 71 per cent of trad-ing profits. Tate is now planning to develop coffee trading and processing.

Recognizing the volstility of commodity trading, the com-pany is embarking on a new management structure which, stresses profit performance at, the divisional level, with only strategic decisions being raken by head office. Cash control is an especially important part of this exercise. Last year borrow-ings were reduced by £23.8m to £74.5m

E74.5m.

Among the divisions which will be examined carefully are the loss-making agriculture business and starch operations. Research and development will concentrate more on market

concentrate more on market surveys than on technical work. Under the new management, headed by Mr Neil Shaw, managing director, there will be four, divisions: United Kingdom, Chemicals, International (including all aspects of sugar from estates to molasses), and

North America.

Regardless of whether this structure will be a more effective way of running the company, it is certain that opposition to the Liverpool closure will mount.

Financial Editor, page 17 Tate's progress in recent years,

BOC chief paid record £271,400 salary

the gases group 15 months ago, earned a record salary of £271,400. The sum, disclosed in the 1980 annual report, for the period to September 30, is far higher than any other United Kingdom executive

Mr Giordano, formerly with Airco in the United States which BOC bought in 1978, became group managing director and chief executive in October, 1979. BOC said that Mr Michael Barnes, the chairman of the council, said in a statement: "The proposed increases will be the fifth in two years and add up to an increase of 70 per cent in that "In the current year the elec-tricity boards have over-estimated the fuel costs charged to

domestic consumers by about salaries of more than £200,000. £140m and we will want to be One was the highest paid director of Shell Transport and convinced that their fuel cost estimates are realistic this Trading, who earned £218,805 in 1979. This is understood to The South-east area board be Mr Robert Hart, one of the managing directors, who also consultative council was the first to meet yesterday to disused to work in the United cuss the new tariffs.

It did not oppose the increase

Associated Communications Corporation, came close behind earning £207,354 in the year to March 1980.

BOC's annual report reveals that directors' fees and remuneration broke through £1m for the first time. The total was 26m compared with £872,000

foreign exchange markets yes-

terday, its highest level for six years, although it fell 2.52 cents

years, although it left 232 cents to \$4.033 as the American cur-rency, buoyed by higher domes-tic and Eurodollar interest, rates, gained against all cur-

The dollar was also boosted

by increasing confidence that

Iran will keep a high propor-tion of its released dollar hold-

ings in the United States

All the main currencies gave

ground to the dollar, including

sterling and the yen which were

gaining earlier in the week on

expectations that part of Iran's

unfrozen assets would come



Mr Richard Giordano: BOC.

dano, received a 41 per cent rise in gross pay to £88,400.

directors earning more than £50,000. Of these one received

Sir Frederick Wood for NEB chair

The new chairman of the National Enterprise Board is expected to be Sir Frederick Wood, former chairman of the National Bus Company and parttime chairman of the National Research Development Corporation.

An announcement of his appointment is imminent and, significantly, it is understood that he will retain his NRDC post. This opens up the possi-bility for closer collaboration between the much-troubled NEB and the NRDC in the high rechnology sector, and may suggest a merging of their activities in the longer term.

Sir Frederick, an entre-preneur and former Conse.vative parliamentary candidate, is chairman of Crode International, a speciality chemicals company founded by his father, and which he took over nearly 30 years ago and expanded on a huge scale...

Regarded as one of the most

successful businessmen of the 1960s, Sir Frederick applied his ties of the National Bus Com- of other smaller investments. pany when he became its part-time chairman in 1972. During his six years there, it financial performance improved markedly, and after heavy deficits recorded a profit of 19.7-3.

He will become the fifth, chairman of the NEB which has been racked by political controversy . . and . arguments over its role since its estab-lishment in 1975.
Under the Conservative Government, the role of the -NEB has been transformed, not its activities have been

pared back considerably. The main throst of its activities is to take a catalytic role in the promotion of high technology ventures, although it remains technical responsibility for ad-ministering the affairs of BL.

It is also required to dispose of its investments to the private sector when they can be sold profitably, and in the past year the computer company, Ferranti, Fairey and a number But it is in high technology

where there is the prospect of closer collaboration and the possibility of an eventual merger. Although this would require legislation, it appears the option will be studied by the new chairman.

Lest year the NRDC announced plans to increase its investment in innovative small

businesses through the estab-lishment of a £2m, small company fund to provide financial packages in the form of equity, preference shares and lozns.

The corporation has been discussing the "licensing in of foreign rechnology, with the Department of Industry another area in which the NEB has become involved. The NEB has collaborated already with the NRDC, the establishment of Collaboration in the property of the collaboration of t being the latest company,



Union back establishment of national investment bank

By David Felton

Labour Reporter
A conference of delegate representing unions affiliated to the TUC yesterday gave full backing to setting up a national favestment bank to be funded from North Sea oil and gas and pension funds, with 11,000m coming from the pension funds and a similar amount from the Government through oil and gas

evenues, The 200 delegates also adopted the suggestion that unions should seek to achieve at least 50 per cent representation on the boards of trustees of pen-sion funds, and the TUC is expected to circulate a series of guidelines to member unions on how this could be achieved

A recommendation that unions should be able to appoint balf the members of the boards of funds was included in a Labour government White Paper, but the present Administration is opposed to

Financial Correspondent

Mr Gordon Richardson, Gov-

by North Sea oil revenues and

the long-term investment insti-

He said that while the rela-

tively low rate of lovestment in the United Kingdom had long

Mr. Richardson, who was

and a similar amount from the be urged to press the case for formalized representation on the boards of trustees when discussions are held - with ployers on wages and conditions The suggestion of a national

in a minority report, annexed to the main report of the Wilson committee of inquiry into the City and its institutions, which was signed by Sir Harold tarives on the committee. The union movement believes

that conventional investment practices in British industry have been insufficient in the past and will not be capable of past and will not be capable to lifting industry out of the present recession. This view was accepted by yesterday's conference and unlons will now press for the establishment on a national investment bank

Governor denies need for scheme

recognized that there were still areas for possible improvement

in channelling money to indusernor of the Bank of England, try. He welcomed the Govern- subject to the maximum of

last night dismissed the need ment's decision to embark on pressures from special interests

form of loan guarantee scheme for smaller companies. He also

called for still closer develop-

ment between the major in-

companies in which they were major shareholders.

In a speech devoted to reflec-

institutions, Richardson set out several re-

servations on proposals by the TUC members of the committee

for a large new investing in-

would effectively be a process of force feeding would generate

productive investment of the

right kind and magnitude. He also doubted that there was a financing gap that impeded or disabled commercially viable

mitytion.

Government through oil and gas Mr Len Murray, general sec-retary of the TUC, said on opening the conference in London: There has been a

continuing decline in the com-petitiveness and profitability of British industry which has been intensified by current govern-ment policies. A continuation of this would indeed call into question the very basis of funding pension schemes, which is in any event, a mainly Anglo-

Saxon phenomenon.
"One thing is certain.
Britain's economy will not be rebuilt by Eritish pension funds buying up the Watergate building or the Miami Beach water Mr Murray said that the

union argument was not for buying up large blocks of ICI tration.

The bank would receive from pension funds tentury.

The bank would receive for the high technology projects that we shall need in the 1980s and the 21st century.

it unwise to concentrate both large scale finance and decision-

While there might be im-provements to be made in the way particular areas, such as

way particular areas, such as high technology, were financed, these would not require an annual fund on anything like the scale proposed, he said.

Mr Richardson strongly defined the banke had

played in financing industry and the way they had adapted

to changing circumstances, especially with the long term

Mr Richardson said that Government had also played its

part in the sense that total government support for indus-

try was probably no smaller

proportionately than that pro-vided by the state in many

Bank talks, page 16

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other countries.

Reagan advisers call for big SEC changes From Frank Vogl

Sir Frederick Wood: possibility

Washington, Jan 22

A reorganization of the securities and exchange commission (SEC), including a proposal to cuts its budget by 30 per cent has been suggested to President Reagan by his advisers. If implemented, it

panies to list their securities on American stock exchanges and register new debt issues. It could prompt far more list-ings in America of shares by foreign companies, one of the advisers said.

The adviser, a Washington lawyer, said the main proposals concerned redesigning the SEC

so that it played a more con-structive role in helping companies to roise capital in the markets.
"At the moment the SEC puts

all sorts of obstacles in the path of new borrowers and it makes the floring of new securities excessively expensive."
A 300-page report on reform

ing the SEC has been sub-mitted to President Reagan, and Mr Daniel Piliero, one of the authors and a former senior SEC official, is tipped to become the agency's new chair-

Mr. Pillers thought that the SEC was among the best run agencies of the government. Yet substantial financial springs could be achieved—up to 30 per cent—by reducing the staffs of enforcement and market regu-lation and of the office of the general counsel.

The report says the SEC has become too much of a defensive agency, requiring excessive dis-closure by all publicly quoted companies in the name of investor protection.

The report specifically dealt with the problems that many foreign companies have had in listing with the SEC demanding far more financial information than any other regulatory body in the world.

The SEC must switch from

sole emphasis on investor pro-tection to making capital formation easier, one of President

mation easier, one of President Reagan's advisers said.

The enforcement division, which uncovered corporate bribery by Lockheed and other companies and which has been headed by Mr Stanley Sporkin, is criticized in the report. There have been suggestions that the Administration will try to force Mr Sporkin, aged 49, to resign.

The report, dealing with the The report, dealing with the marker regulation activities of SEC, asserted that it tinkered too much with regulations and with too much experimenting on setting up a national market system.

Some of the changes in the SEC could only be done with congressional approval and congressmen may be reluctant to be seen reducing safeguards for investors in order to promote the interests of big companiesof the reforms will present their The current annual cost of

Mr Richard Giordano, the

American who became chief executive of BOC International,

the salary was similar to that which Mr Giordano earned in the United States, where it was Only a few other directors in the United Kingdom had

Lord Grade, chairman



chief executive to Mr Gior-Taking account of reductions in higher rates of income tax,

the increase in net pay would have been greater. Sir Leslie's salary is set by the non-execu-tive directors of BOC. There were six other BOC

between £140,000 and £145,000. This is believed to be Mr David Craig, also an American, who was appointed one of the the previous year. was appointed one of the Sir Leslie Smith, chairman, deputy group managing direction relinquished the post of tors in October, 1979.

fillip late in the afternoon by

prediction from Mr Henry

Kaufman, influential chief econ-

omist with Salomon Brothers, that American interest rates

would reach record levels this

Rumours that Iran has placed

part of its dollar holdings in short-term deposits helped to

dampen fears of rapid large

scale diversification out of the

American currency.

Sterling rate at six-year high

given grounds for concern, the best way of creating greater inrestment would be to get the inflation rate down and to en-sure that industry was able to generate higher returns on its investment projects.

tutions.

delivering the Stockton Lecture at the London Business School, said that perhaps the most important contribution of the Wilson Committee on the financial institutions, and of those who gave evidence to it, had been to scotch the impression of any general financing gap.

In Milan sterling touched a speculation that German interest

Sterling's effective exchange rate against a basket of currencies rose 0.1 to 30.3 on The dollar was given an extra The Japanese yen also lost ground against the dollar, despite reports that Iranian authorities had bought \$10m worth of yen in London.

Gold closed at \$558.50, \$20 down on the previous day's close. Dealers said a late weakness was largely a response to the statement by Mr Kauf-

After the close in London, gold continued to weaken in New York.

Trading was fairly quiet throughout, with operators generally awaiting a lead from The Deutsche mark was particularly weak yesterday, with the dollar gaining 3,20 Pfennigs to close at DM2.0242. This came the United States where fur-ther selling developed in the afternoon in Europe which apafter a decision by the central peared to trigger stop-loss sell-ing, dealers said. bank to add liquidity to the banking system, prompting

Consumer spending 1 pc higher as beer sales rise

tions on the Wilson report on fended the role the banks had the role and functioning of the played in financing industry

Statistical Office yesterday show that consumer spending was £17,900m in the fourth quarter of 1980, up about 1 per cent from its third-quarter

The rise in beer sales was re-flected to a lesser extent in a recovery for other alcoholic drinks, the sales of which had been depressed in the second and third quarters of the year. There is increasing evidence that people's drinking habits are influenced by the Budget prospects and consequent changes in duties on drinks.

Consumer spending went up quarter of the year slightly in the final quarter of The beer boom of the fourth last year as beer drinking rose.

Figures released by the Central sharp drop in sales of new sharp drop in sales of new cars, which were down to the level recorded in the spring. Other kinds of retail sales, which had done badly in the summer and autumn, went back up to the level seen at the end of 1979.

> is thought to have been about \$71,600m, up 0.5 per cent on 1979. Although not particularly buoyant, the level of consumer spending during the year clearly was not responsible for the sharp downturn in the economy in 1980, which was caused by a rundown in stocks.

Spending in 1980 as a whole

running SEC is around \$80m (£34m).

Minister opens new advice service for users of microsystems

Making friends with the small computer

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a national policy to promote tiveness. computing, telecommunications office automation, information handling and the rest. He comes to the job with a fair knowledge

of his subject. Yesterday he found time to inaugurate a new service for one's own small business. small businesses wishing to make friends with small computers. With support from Mr Baker's department, the National Computing Centre is embarking on a new role—to set up and operate a new division to be known as the Microsystems Centre.

Advice Bureau for the potential

users of small computer sys- director responsible for the

"small" meaning up to Microsystems Centre, said that

cently appointed Minister for centre will explain and encour-Information Technology at the age the effective use of micro-Department of Industry, is busy computers, as one way of imputting together the strands of proving efficiency and competi-Mr David Fairbairn, director

of the National Computing Centre, said yesterday that there was still a great deal of innate apprehension about the introduction of small computers in Indeed, there were three other categories of user, as well

as the small business, for whom the new enterprise would provide a needed service: professional groups such as doctors, lawyers and architects; the divisions and departments of large organizations; and the educa-This will be a sort of Citizen's tion service. Mr Derek Scriven, NCC group

Mr Kenneth Baker, the re- about £15,000 in price. The new initially there would be three with universities and polytech main activities. First, \$50 annual subscriptions to the centre
A would be offered; in return the subscribers would receive regular information services and discounts on other professional services offered.

Secondly, micro workshops would be set up where potential users could see and compare various types of micro-based system and could book "surgery" type sessions with the The first such workshop will centre's specialist advisers. be held in London and the second at the NCC headquar-

ters in Manchester. Thirdly, a federation of microelated centres will be established to avoid duplication and make information and software products as widely available as possible. Most of the existing micro centres are associated

A range of training courses will be offered, including "reach yourself" cassettes. Information services will include directories and trade and technical publications—plus a do-it-yourself computer-based

information bank at the work-Mr Baker indicated clearly vesterday that he regarded the idea as a good one (otherwise, presumably, his department would not be weighing in with an initial £250,000 to get the wheels moving). But this process of acclimatization to new technology should not have to be repeated for the next gen-eration of businessmen, he

stressed; young people must

have the chance to use com-

puters at school. Kenneth Owen

Monopolies board clears Godfrey Davis takeover

By Margareta Pagano term self-driv The Monopolies and Mergers employment Commission agreed yesterday. It concluded that the scale to the acquisition of Godfrey of the lack of competition was

the public interest. But the ruling stipulated that Europear and Renault must not allow the operator of the car rental busiuess once owned by Godfrey Davis to obtain Renault vehicles Renault gave this under-taking after the Commission was

car would be maintained. The Commission also con-sidered how the merger would

term self-drive market, and on It concluded that the scale

Davis's short-term car rental too small to have any significant business by Europear, the effect. Competition for inter-Renault subsidiary.

The commission decided might increase and Europear's might increase and Europear's unanimously that the proposed larger financial resources were merger would not be against expected to help the development of GD-Europear more effectively than Godfrey Davis by itself.

The merger was first referred to the Commission by Mr John Nort, the former or parts at prices more favour-able, than those obtained by other British vehicle deerators. Secretary of State for Trade, on June 12 last year, and asked to report in six months. Dealing in Godfrey Davis shares was temporarily suspended at the assured that the efficiency and time of the announcement at competitiveness of GD-Europ. 166p. They gained 11p on the news yesterday rising to 160p. Europear, Europe's largest

car rental business with offices influence competition both in in 56 countries, offered 115p the supply of cars in the cash for each Godfrey Davis United Kingdom and the short share.

Belgian steel workers fight merger plans

The works of Hainault-Sambre, Belgium's second larg-est steel company, were brought to a standstill as workers went on strike in protest against plans to merge the Charleroibased group with Cockerill of Liege, the country's largest steel concern.

The plans, which were made known at the beginning of this week, will involve a reduction in the workforce of the two concerns that has been estimated at between 3,000 and 4,500 of the present combined total of 27,000 employees.

The strike at Charleroi reflects local concern that lead

redundancies will be greater than in Liège, although the unions in Liège are planning to strike from Saturday in protest against the plans.

The proposed merger was dis-

cussed today at the Belgian steel industry planning council, a body that brings together employers and unions, national and regional government and the European Commission. No decisions were taken but EECs Commissioner for Indus-

the meeting that the number of steelworks in the southern French speaking part of Belgium would have to be cut to three from four if the industry were to survive in the area.

Tokyo prices cheaper

The prices of Japanese export and import goods fell in Dec-ember from November, mainly because of the yea's appreciation. The index of export goods prices stood at 102.9 (1975=100), down 0.3 per cent from November and down 1 per cent from the same mount in 1970 from the same month in 1979.
The index of import goods prices was down 0.7 per cent from the prior month but gained 8.3 per cent from the

Honda earnings soar

Honda's consolidated thirdquarter earnings soared 194.9 per cent from a year before, because of brisk sales in overseas markets and favourable foreign exchange fluctuations. The net profit in the three months ended November 30 was 15,769m yen (about 5340m).

Investment mission

Japan will send an investment study mission to four European countries in March, the Minis-try of International Trade and mission will visit The Nether-lands, Belgium, Luxembourg and Portugal to look into their policies toward foreign invest-

German GNP revised The West German Economics Ministry now expects the country's real gross national product

to stagnate or contract by up to 1 per cent. The previous forecast was for growth of up to 1 per cent

Better airline prospects

Prospects for the airline industry will improve this year after a setback in 1980 because of better economic conditions in industrialized countries, Mr Assad Kotaite, the President of International Civil Aviation Organization, said in Singapore.

Oil exploration

Mr Owen D. Thomas, vice president of Phillips Petroleum, said in New Delhi that India could become self-sufficient in energy if all potential areas were opened to an all-out oil exploration programme.

Companies accord

Westinghouse Corporation of the United States Framatome of France and officials of the two governments are putting the finishing touches to an agreement setting out the terms for cooperation between the two companies in the coming years, industry sources said yesterday.

Turkish exports

The return to normal industrial production in Turkey after last year's September 12 military takeover of power has led to a sharp upturn in exports, Mr Y. Akturk, under-secretary of Turkey's state plan-ning organization said.

Cargo ships ordered

Schulz and Clemmesen of West Germany has ordered three 4,400-ton multi-purpose cargo ships from the China Corporation for the Shipbuilding Industry. The ships will be built by the Zhonghua shipyard in Shanghai.

Denmark jobless up

Unemployment in Denmark rose in November to 216,750, or 8.3 per cent of the total labour force, the Government's Bureau of Statistics reported. It was the fifth consecutive month that the country's jobless rate

Video cassette output

Japanese video cassette spend about £100,000m yen (about £200m) this year to expand output to meet growing demand at home and abroad.

Oil industry confusion as prices hover around 134p a gallon

Garages set for petrol price 'war'

Garage forecourts look set for another price "war" as oil companies watched yesterday for signs of a fall in sales. Esso said it had ordered some of its outlets-in the Midlands and North to cut prices by up

to 7p a gallon. A spokesman for Shell, which with Esso is joint market leader with about 20 per cent of sales, said last night: "At the moment we are trying grimly to hang on, but the position is most unsatisfactory." That could be good news for the motorist, at least, in the short run. Most industry leaders are optimistic that another forecourt price-cutting war will not break out, but this could prove to be wishful thinking.

In most places prices seem to be hover-ing around 134p a gallon, although isolated examples of some hypermarkets charging as little as 124p a gallon were quoted. Last night, there was some confusion within the industry as to whether a new perol price war had started, and if so who started it. Shell denied reports earlier this week that it had introduced new temporary discounts of 4p a gallon to help

hard-pressed dealers. These had been in existence for some

Liquidity

eased for

banking

From Peter Norman

Frankfurt, Jan 22

the central bank.

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The West German Federal bank today eased the terms on

which it is making liquidity available to the German com-

minimum reserve rates on

banks' domestic and foreign liabilities by 7 per cent from the beginning of next month, releasing DM3,700m (£775m) of

liquidity at present tied up in

non interest bearing accounts at

It also decided to increase

the banks' rediscount quotas, at

which they can borrow at bank

rate of 7.5 per cent, by DM3,000m (£629m) from the

These measures are intended

to replace part of DM9,500m (£1,992m) of liquidity assist-

ance granted recently by the

beginning of February.

reducing interest rates.

the federal bank.

However, any suggestion that

In the speech, made on Tues-

day evening but publicized to-day, Herr Pohl made clear that

there could be no question of the federal bank reducing in-

terest rates in West Germany as

long as the country was run-ning a large balance of pay-ments deficit that must be

financed through capital im-

Addressing a gathering of bankers and businessmen in Frankfurt, Herr Pohl pointed out that West Germany's ex-

ternal position had altered fundamentally over the past 18

months—and not just because of the increase in oil prices.

Germany's balance of pay-ments deficit had far reaching

implications for the inter-national position of the

Deutsche mark, for its exchange rate, for prices and interest rates, he said.

He said that the federal bank

would not relax its monetary policy to accommodate infla-

tionary wage increases. Nor did he see any economic salvation in higher public spending. The

removal of restrictions on investment in projects such as

nuclear power stations was more

Some of Herr Pöhl's strongest

words concerned energy policy. He gave a warning that time was working against Germany, and that people should no longer succumb to illusions.

It was not just energy-rich countries like Britain, the United States and Canada that

were better placed than Germany, but France had also put

itself in a far better long term position thanks to its far reach-

ing nuclear energy programme.

mercial banking system,

the company was desperately trying to prevent prices slipping from the 134p

sverage.

Shell blamed Esso which confirmed that it had given temporary support to some stations. However, the company, which sells petrol through almost 5,500 outlets, emphasized that its action was merely defensive and strictly limited.

Price reductions of as much as two-orthreepence have been introduced at only a small number of stations. These are

a small number of stations. These are probably as few as 70. Most are situated in the Midlands and the north, and in most cases were located near hypermarkets. These had been raking trade from kets. These had been taking trade from the Esso stations by offering huge discounts, often at "loss-leader" prices.

An official for Esso said yesterday that the company did not believe the adjustment was part of a trend. "Events over the past few days may have suggested that we are heading for a further period of price cuts, but I do not believe this will be the case."

will prove to be the case." Nevertheless, both companies, along with BP Oil, the third largest petrol sup-plier in the United Kingdom, are keeping a close watch on market developments. They are anxious not to bring down the price or stampede themselves into Curs. iqually, they do not want to be left behind in the competition.

One industry observer said last night. "The oil companies were concerned last week that the new price hike might not stick. Their concern is now being borne

The present confusion over prices, after a short period of relative stability, has prompted motorists to seek out dealers offering prices up to 10p below the average. It follows directly from last week's general increase in wholesale prices. With addition of value added tax this meant he addition of value added tax this mean

that most garages added about 5p a gallon These increases could in turn be traced back, via the British National Oil Corporation, to rises in crude oil prices put into effect by members of the Organiza-tion of Petroleum Exporting Countries after their Ball meeting last month.

John Huxley

Government boost for exporters in Industrial Editor Britain's bard-pressed exporters are to be given a boost under a new government scheme to counter the "soft" export credit terms offered by many of their competitors. The scheme, which will be launched next "men's and a dequate: We also to overall credit terms competitions at a disadvantage in world markets. However, it remains to be seen whether are adequate: We also the purpose are adequate: We also the problem of soft credit which to overall credit terms competitions. Mr Parking the problem of soft credit which to overall credit terms competitions. Mr Parking the problem of soft credit which to overall credit terms competitions. Mr Parking the problem of soft credit which to overall credit terms competitions. Mr Parking the problem of soft credit which to overall credit terms competitions. Mr Parking the problem of soft credit terms competitions. Mr Parking the problem of soft credit terms competitions.

The scheme, which will be launched next month, will be operated by the Export Credits Guarantee Department and will involve provision of grants to United Kingdom exporters to After a meeting of its central council today, the bank an-nounced that it would cut the reduce the effective interest rate to potential overseas customers. The Government has allocated fom for the scheme over the next two years, with a review in the second half of

But the scheme will be limited to providing assistance as a defensive measure to counter cases of soft rendir offers by foreign competitors. For this and other reasons the move last night met with qualified support from the British Confederation Industry (CBI).

A spokesman for the em-

funds set aside for the purpose are adequate. We would have also liked to have seen opportunity for greater initiative in the use of these funds." Mr Cecil Parkinson; Minister for Trade, announcing the scheme in the Commons yesterday, stressed that the scheme would be reviewed in the light of progress of international effort to restrain or ban the use of soft credits, notably of

the French credit mixte

variety. Such soft credits distorted the normal patterns of com-mercial trading and the United Kingdom remained an active supporter of international efforts to remove or restrict such schemes, he said. In the French system,

officially supported commercial credit is combined with a government sid loan to the ployers' organization said last overseas buyer. The govern-night: "We are pleased that ment loan, often at favourable

deterrent as to operate an effective matching policy. Provisions already existed for channelling matching support on sound projects in aid-worthy

"The ECGD has powers to provide grants whereby the United Kingdom can match the concessionality of foreign offers in the non-aid field by lowering the effective interest rate to the overseas customer. Ice operation of these powers is not linked to developmental linked to des criteria", he said.

Mr Parkinson said the Government believed that the new scheme supported by the existing aid and trade provisions would provide more effective support to Britain's exporters where they were competing with soft credit offers.

Corporation to supply trial aerials

Telecom steals lead in business satellites

British Telecom yesterday in a great deal of international outlined a strategy to put the corporation in the front line of the business satellite market and give it a head start on the private sector.

Herr Pöhl: no question of Later this year the corpora-tion intends to start supplying customers with small federal bank at higher rates aerials for commercial trials in through lending short term to banks against collateral. the autumn. The trials are in preparation for the launch of a new communications satellite Eutelsat, an organization an easing of German central representing 19 European counbank policy was dispelled by the publicity given today to the most recent speech of Herr Karl-Otto Pöhl, the president of

British Telecom's haste will surprise the private sector which has been preparing to compete.

The first of the European communication satellites of Eutelsat will be launched in 1983. A second will be launched to provide backup facilities. Mr Peter Benton, managing director of British Telecom said the new aerials were paving the way for a new era in which the nation's businessmen will be able to communi-cate within Britain and with Europe directly through small aerials placed on their own rooftops, or parked beside their offices ".

However the initial investment could be prohibitive—an aerial and its electronics will which would appeal to those businesses which are involved

The tariff structures have yet to be agreed between the various countries. What is clear is that the prices should be independent of distance and should reflect whether the serial is being used full time, part-time or shared with other users.

The Eutelsat programme will involve the launch of five satellites. A decision just before mission of private data has made the aerial service pos-sible. A French satellité due to be

launched in 1983 to cover France and neighbouring counfries will provide space for British Telecom, Providing the data transmission services for small dish aerials is expected to cost the Western European nations £50m, of which £8m will be paid by British Telecom.
For the initial phase, the corporation has ordered about 25 sets of terminal equipment from Ferranti.

The new Telecommunications
Bill according to Sir Keith
Joseph, Secretary of State for
Industry, will allow the private
sector to become involved in
the provision of "value-added" services" which could embrace data networks both land-based and using satellites.

Bill Johnstone

Banks to talk on loans plan for small companies

scheme for small companies.
The letters, from Miss Anne Muller, deputy secretary at the Dol, outline an experimental scheme which would run for

three years.
This would involve up to 5,000 loans of a maximum of £50,000 each. Maturities on the

loans would range from two to even years.

Key figures to be negotiated are: the proportion of each loan which would be guaranteed by the banks, with a figure of about 80 per cent being the most likely, and the interest rate premium required on the loans.

By Bryan Appleyard

Letters have gone to the banks from the Department of in no way be subsidizing computations on government proposals for a loan guarantee actually be more expensive than normal bank loans.

normal bank loans.

Consultations are likely to start on Monday week and the indication is that, if they are successful, the scheme will be introduced in the Budget.

Meanwhile the Union of Independent Companies is understood to have completed its report defending the idea of loan guarantee "schemes" and delivering the document to Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, this morning.

autumn in response to a sudden marked change in government and civil service attitudes towards the idea of loan

State for Industry, this morning. This report was begun last

If Germany failed to catch up there would be grave conse-quences for growth and employ-ment. guaranteès.

Business appointments

Two new directors for Sedgwick Group Mr J. S. Gilbert and Mr A. Platt have been appointed direc-tors of Sedgwick Group with effect from February 1.
Mr Terry Landsbert, on second-ment from management consul-tants PA International, has been appointed a senior executive of Equity Capital for Industry. Mr Dennis Rogers has been appointed managing director of Mylon, part of the Taylor Woodrow Group. He takes over from Mr Barton Higgs, who has become a director of Taylor Woodrow and remains chairman of Myton.

Mr James Gatward has been appointed managing director of TV South, the consortium that has been offered the South & South East Independent TV franchise. Mr Anthony Brook is assistant

managing director and director of finance. Mr. Michael Blakstad is director of programmes. Mr. Malcolm Truepenny is director of studio operations, and Mr. Graham Shaw is director of technical operations.

operations.

Mr J. L. Walker-Haworth has become an executive director and Mr J. F. Donahue, Mr D. J. Good, Mr R. H. Grierson and Mr J. W. Hyland, Jr. have been made directors of S. G. Warburg & Co. Mr J. B./ Haggas has been elected deputs chairman of Dawson International.

International.

Mr Jessel R. Harris has been appointed finance director and company secretary of Lynton

Mr Richard Carden, regional general manager and chief execu-

tive vice-president, has been appointed chief executive officer Barclays Bank International, North America, Group Office, New York. Mr Bob Lambert becomes senior executive vice-president, Group Office. New York. Mr Ken Atkinson has been seconded and appointed an executive vice-president, Group Office, New York. Mr John Champion is now senior vice-president, Group Office, New York. senior vice-president, Group Office, New York. Mr Bill Martin has been appointed premises manager of Lloyds Bank. Mr Peter Doole has been appointed managing director of Manson Lessing Management. Mr Barrie Turner has been made managing director of Mercantile

Shipbuilders detail Japan threat

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

The Government is expected to receive shortly a detailed submission from British Shipbuilders calling on the EEC to take action to protect the European shipbuilding industry from the inroads being made by Japan.

Mr Robert Atkinson the cor-

Mr Robert Atkinson, the cor-poration's chairman, said in a speech last November that he would be preparing a detailed paper on the Japanese threat. He is expected to submit it to Mr Norman Tebbit, the new Minister of State for Industry,

The British industry has been among the most vocal in de-manding a tougher EEC line to avoid a further rundown of capacity. European ship-builders, through the Association of West European Shipbuilders and the EEC Shipbuilding Linking Committee, have stressed their concern in submissions and discussions with Commission officials officials.

Shipbuilding will be among the issues discussed next week by EEC and Japanese government officials at trade talks about a range of Japanese products which have led to a heavy imbalance of trade.

BESO, working alongside similar organizations to itself which operate from the United States, Canada, Japan and other

states, Canada, Japan and other European countries, has a vital role to play in support of the international world-wide aid programme backed by the United Nations, World Bank, Lome Convention and other programmes, Being an independent dent organization, but operating with the full support of the British Government and leaders of industry over the past ten years, and administered by an experienced team of senior executives from industry and commerce, BESO is able to make its small, but important, contribution by the education and training of people engaged in industrial and commercial activities In Third World coun-

Within the overall aid programme concept BESO's aim is to assist these organizations to

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help for developing countries

From the President, British utilize their resources to be-Executive Service Overseas come more efficient, and to con-Sir, Tae criticisms levelled at tribute more effectively to the economy of their country. By British Executive Service Over-British Executive Service Over-seas (BESO) by Mr D. Taylor in his letter of January 15 con-stitute an ill-informed attack not only on BESO executives. not only on BESO executives. but the many British companies who support this form of aid

developed countries of the world for financial assistance.

The consensus of opinion of the countries operating this type of service indicates that a significant contribution is being state of the countries operating and to developing countries. In answering one man's call "to dismantle" BESO, which organization your readers may wish made through the quality and experience of mature executives to note has the support of Her Majesty's Government, the In-stitute of Directors and the Confederation of British Indus-try, it is parhaps best merely experience of mature executives who offer their services after a lifetime in industry and commerce. The type of assistance requested covers a wide variety of disciplines which through training at all levels assists organizations to play their full part in the future expansion of their country. to record some of the historical acts about BESO. Last year the Brands Com-mission on International

Developing Issues published proposals for alleviating the economic and social problems of the Third World which showed clearly the assistance their country.
In addition to this form of aid we must not overlook the substantial trade spin-off that develops from assignments to the direct benefit of British

There are occasionally requests for assistance which can involve technology and confidential industrial information which should not be made avail-able other than through technology and know-how agree-ments against royalty payments and other forms of tech-nical liaison agreements. In such cases United Kingdom companies are invited to com-ment so that suitable introductions can be effected as appropriate. Contrary to Mr Taylor's fears, BESO executives undertaking assignments are responsible people who do not reveal vital trade secrets.

Since BESO's inception over

400 assignments have been undertaken with the full cooperation of British industry; BESO will continue to make its valuable contribution to the aid programme and to the develop-ment of world trade with

Kingdom economy. BESO does not seek publicity and praise for such work, but it does do mand and deserve not to be misrepresented as it was in Mr. Taylor's letter. Yours sincerely

ERROLL OF HALE. President, British Executive Service Overseas, 116-119 Pall Mall, London SW17 5ED.

From Mr John Emenuel Sir, Mr D. Taylor (January 15' has a dangerously static view of technology. We cannot, and perhaps should not, withhold technological assistance to othe technological assistance to othe countries less advanced that ours. You may be sure that if we do not supply the desired assistance, someone else will and it will be his country equipment and perhaps policial ideas that will be introduced into another market.

Our technology can be ex ploited in our own factorie and also, through licensing and joint venture arrangements is factories overseas. The trick i years in advance of that of ou competitors and licensee. Revenues from joint venture and licences can help iniance the R & D necessary to achiev this. In many cases calefull planned technology transfer is a more efficient way of exploi ing British skills in the worl market than laborious manufact ture and expensive shipping of low cost products. Yours faithfully.

JOHN D. EMANUEL, Managing Director. Pax Technology Transfer

Limited, Excel House, 42 Upper Berkeley Street, London W1.

annual accounts in CCA form

Stock Exchange and CCA

From the Chairman of The Stock Exchange Sir. Judging by the unusual number of enquiries received by the Stock Exchange in the last two days and referring to reports in your newspaper, it is clear that your article on January 19, 20 and 21 about our requirements in relation to current cost accounting have caused some confusion. The purpose of this letter is to set the matter straight for the

benefit of your readers. SSAP 16, which specifies the inclusion of CCA results in the operation of its own require-annual accounts is, like all ment that interim reports con-statements of standard accounting practice, a requirement of experience has been gained by the principal professional ac companies in drawing up

countancy bodies in the United Kingdom and Ireland United Kingdom and Irish listed companies are expected to comply with all accounting standards SSAP 16 is applicable to accounting periods beginning on orafter January 1, 1980. The Stock Exchange is concerned with its own require-

ments which relate to preliminary announcements and interim reports. After a comprehensive review the Stock Exchange Council decided at a meeting on Tuesday to postpone

The requirement to include CCA information in interio reports will not apply until the half year period following th second full year for which CC results (in accordance wit SSAP 16) have been preparer For a company with a yes ending on December 31, the first interim period to which our CCA requirement wi apply will be the six month to June 30, 1982. Yours faithfully. NICHOLAS GOODISON, Chairman. The Stock Exchange,

Post Office services and finance

From the Director of the Mail Users' Association Sir, There is much to wolcome in the letter of the chairman of

Posts and Giro (January 12). Since its inception in 1975 the Mail Users' Association has continually argued the need for Posts to increase volume and shift away from being a low productivity, low basic pay industry. It is encouraging to learn that these objectives have been adopted. However, the chairman of Posts did overlook

a few points. Price freezes are useful only they result in a lasting reduction in prices. Previous periods of restraint in postal prices did not achieve this, but merely deferred increases. Thus the restraint of the early 1970s ended in 1975 with increases of about ninety per cent. The restraint of 1977-79 was followed by steep increases in August, 1979, and February, 1980. The latter instance was noteworthy

chairman of Posts extending the period of restraint only a matter of months before the dire state of postal finances became public knowledge.

Therefore it is understandable that customers become and has not published as when they hear about postal price freezes and immediately ask themselves the question: "Is this really tariff restraint, or are the increases merely being stored up for later?" It would be belpful to have an assurance that such doubts are unfounded on this occasion.

Comments on the state of postal finances usually elicit a response from the corporation to the effect that the commentator was mistaken on certain points. It is surprising, there-fore, that Posts is not more forthcoming about the state of its finances. In the last set of annual reports, detailed informetion about previous tariff increases was omitted entirely, even though such information for a statement by the then had been given in every pre- London SE1 9NT.

vious report since corporation Status.
Moreover, although Posts ha been a public corporation fo over eleven years, it still pro duces no formal interim report quarterly statements of revents

such information, and mor important, the lack of willing ness to supply it, reinforce customers' sense of uneat about postal finances. The chairman of Posts co cluded that be was sure th: customers would welcome the corporation's endeavours. I a sure that, for his part, he won concede that such a welcon must be in proportion to ti

information given about it gress, and to the resul attained.
Yours faithfully, MICHAEL E. CORBY Users'

Tress House, 2nd Floor, 3-7 Stamford Street,

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ENGLISH CHINA CLAYS LIMITED

LORD ABERCONWAY reports on excellent results despite difficult trading conditions:

Extracts from the Chairman's Statement





CONSOLIDATED PROFIT STATEMENT for the year ended 30th September 1979 £'000 £'000. Turnover 332,434 280,790 Group profit before taxation 40,507 33,115 Group profit after texation 29,695 27,119 Dividends. 9,682 8,068 Profit retained 20,013 19.051 Earnings per share 18.40p .16.81p Dividend cover (times)

RESULTS RESULTS
Your directors take pleasure in presenting what are undoubtedly excellent results for the year: especially as in none of its divisions has the Company been immune from the effects of the current recession. In the circumstances, a profit for the year of some £40,500,000 before tax is more than satisfactory, and it reflects great credit upon all who have worked for the Group, it is struck, too, after bearing a charge of nearly £3M. to implement the early retirement scheme.

Looking at the future, the transpaces of chiral clay sold in the of nearly ESIM. To implement the early reuterine accesses. Looking at the future, the tonnages of china clay sold in the early months of the current year, that started on 1 st October last, are, as we had expected, down on the same period last year. The Quarries Division is faring only slightly better. Costs meanwhile rise inexcrably, despite the less steep recent trend of inflation.

I wish I could predict with confidence a continuation of last year's splendid results. It does, however, look as though the profit for the current year is unlikely to match that of the year under review. Against this background, your directors have decided to recommend a final dividend for the year of 3.5p. per share, making, with the interim dividend, a total of 6p per share; this compares with a total for the previous year of 5p.

The Clay Division's output in the United Kingdom of china clays, ball clays and calcium carbonates was in total marginally lower than in the previous year. This however was more than offset by the increase in our overseas production of these and other minerals, where each unit increased its output. The European paper industry, our largest market, after a good start to the year, has suffered a sharp but not unexpected down-rum. Our exports to industries other than paper have increased during the year; a considerable achievement in a year which saw many world-wide difficulties. The early retirement scheme resulted in 453 volunteers out. The early retirement scheme resulted in 453 volunteers out of 636 amployees eligible: it was possible to eccept all the applications. We are also taking adventage of the Government's Temporary Short-Time Working Compensation

Scheme. We hope that it will be possible to return to normal working after a period of about three months. It remains to be seen whether in the difficult times that obviously lie ahead, we shall be able to continue, with the help of the traditional loyalty of our people, to employ the whole of our slimmed-down workforce; we hope so, but it must depend on our efficiency in meeting trading conditions. Overseas, Anglo-American Clays Corporation, our subsidiary in Georgia, has had another excellent year despite the recession in America; and Southern Clay Products, Inc.; in Texas, which we acquired in December 1979, is prospering.

QUARRIES DIVISION The buoyant demand for the products of the Quarries
Division during the first half of our financial year continued
until mid-summer, after which the recession became
progressively more marked. By that time however the
Division had ensured excellent results for the year. Roadsurfacing operations, under Associated Asphalt Co. Ltd.,
achieved a creditable turnaround from the loss of the
previous year, and, through cautious trading, made a modest
profit. We have great confidence in the Division's future, and
we continue to extend and further modernise its facilities.

BUILDING DIVISION BUILDING DIVISION

The severe falling off of building work in Comwall forced the Building Division to withdraw reluctantly from the construction of houses and other buildings with its own labour. The Private Estates Department again performed well; when mortgage rates fall and confidence returns, the Department is excellently placed to take advantage of an expanding market. The Leisure Department had a good season despite general caution among the public as to expenditure on holidays.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The 62nd Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Hyde Park Hotel, Knightsbridge, London, SW1 on Thursday, 19th February 1981 at 12.30 p.m.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

A bitter-sweet message from Tate & Lyle

Tate & Lyle has been tackling its structural problems ever since entry to the EEC, which Preserve able climate than Tate's cane sugar business, able climate than Tate's cane sugar business, able climate than Tate's cane sugar business. Bi Richard Communication of the started to create serious over-capacity difficilities in the mid-1970s.

Oversease difficulties in the min-assess of Manore London St. Mall After the ill-fated takeover of Manore London St. Mall Sir. Ver D Tools mostly sold or closed at a heavy cost, Tate's has Sir. M. D. India mostly sold or closed at a heavy cost, rate a has a Gangaria recomments that it is now regaining its of te and the momentum may sound rather hollow.

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technological english Liverpool refinery should bring domestic countries to the Liverpool refinery should bring domestic countries less supply and demand more or less into ours or make reason-we do not be halance and allow the group to make reasonwe do not be halance and anow the group to the service assistance upply able margins on its £375m sugar refining and it will be the capacity. That along with better than and it will be the service and the more and it will be expected full year profits and the more equipment and hexpected full year profits and the more that he had be realistic approach of the revamped manageoused that the ment to the group's strengts and weaknesses used to another ment to the group's strengts and weaknesses ouced Into another ment to the group's strengts and translation another now evident at Sugar Quay helped the shares

Dur teconology now evident at Sugar teconology gain 11p to 151p.

Planted in our for Indeed the balance sheet seems to have and also, through to come through the trials in passably good joint venture are large as asset sales have helped ameliorate redundancy costs, iont venture areas come through the trials in passably good iont venture areas shape, as asset sales have helped ameliorate to leap our terms helpsure costs. Along with redundancy costs, years in advante of Liverpool and the Garton starch plants competition. The closed last November these add up to a real's in advance of closed last November these add up to a starch plants competition; and below the line extraordinary cost of £55.5m, and the line extraordinary cost of £55.5m, the R of the line extraordinary cost of £55.5m, the R of the line extraordinary cost of £55.5m, the R of the line extraordinary cost of £55.5m, planted the line extraordinary cost of £55.5m.

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So despite the quarter fall in fixed assets in a Ritter of £55.5m, shareholders' funds have dropped

ing Ritish dilk in in under a tenth to £190m. Asset sales have market than laborated to keep the cash position ture and expendite shealthier than it would have been and with low cost product. The cost of working capital borrowings cost products tight control of working capital borrowings is inthints. Tight control of working capital borrowings. Managing Original leaving interest charges little higher at Pay Technology Tog. Cash remains one of the group's major.

constraints and even with the new regime at 12 here Berkele Tate closely controlling spending and a further tapering off of capital expediture, redundancy payments and higher working capital needs will mean a £20m or so cash putflow this year. With post tax current cost profits of only £2m, cash needs will limit the scope for any dividend increases.

Meanwhile, the rise in pretax profits from : £26.2m to £30.7m is slightly better if exceptionals are excluded while the lower tax The charge and reconsolidation of Zimbabwe has raised retentions from £8m to £11.4m. But with commodity trading accounting for 71 per cent of the £42m trading profit. Tate is still a long way from the stable profits base it has been seeking.

Hopefully sugar refining without the £10m or so burden of Liverpool will help and Tate is clearly taking action in other problem areas like the agribusiness. That points to sustainable profits of £33-36m next year but too many of the group's assets are tied up in businesses with few growth prospects to sllow any serious rerating of the shares. which yield 10 per cent.

Rank Organisation

Benefits from loss elimination

Rank Organization's problems during the 1979/80 period were identifiable early on; the strength of sterling was bound to make a serious dent in its share of Xerox earnings, while Rank itself had to make a painful -withdrawal both from its film production operations and from television and radio manufacture. Exchange rate adjustments, then, cost

profits £13.4m, explaining a 121 per cent to £89.3m in the trading profit contribution from Xerox, while non-Xerox profits, down from £43.7m to £37.2m, would have been some £7.6m better but for non-recurring trading losses of £3.4m on film production and £4.2m on television.

That may still be an unsatisfactory return on non-Xerox assets, but it was no worse and probably slightly better than expectedthe outcome being a 10p rise to 166p in the shares after the chairman "confidently" predicted an improvement this year.

On the assumption that sterling may weaken a little this year and that this will accordingly benefit Xerox earnings, the recipe is certainly there for something better this year. But it is still going to be a long slog to get real growth from the non-Xerox businesses, though some, like hotels, parts of the engineering business and film distribution are being hurt by the recession; others, notably Butlins, and the Australian business are performing quite well.

That said, Rank has come through 1979/ 80 in much better shape than could have been envisaged six months ago, and with a new management structure, some longstandng problems eliminated and a strong balance sheet, it has a fair base to develop its ambitions in leisure and technology.

The shares are possibly taking too cautious a view given the traditional underpinning from Xerox earnings; yielding 91 per cent on a maintained dividend that is untroubled by current cost adjustments and selling at 6 times stated earnings Rank should improve against the market.

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Gestetner Despite sterling

Gestetner caught the pessimists on the hop vesterday with news of full-year profits down only 16 per cent at £16.2m despite the heavy burden of sterling's strength on a group which exports 90, per cent of its output,

The result compared with outside estimates as low as £12m, and the shares responded with a 9p gain to 75p, where a same again dividend gives a yield of 10 per cent and the notional fully-taxed p/e ratio

Gestetner claims that exchange movements clipped £2.5m from operating profits while higher interest rates lifted finance stacks would stand where 98 had stood before.
Outline planning permission was given but, when detailed plans were received, the county council turned down the company's application because the scheme did not specify how the pollutants were to be removed. In essence, the company argued that removal was not mossible charges from £3.6m to £5.1m despite a year-on-year reduction in net debt of over

All this, however, is unlikely to appease those critics, who see Gestetner's heavy dependence on an "outdated" product the stencil duplicator - as fraught with danger. Gesterner maintains of course that there is still some mileage left in stencil and at least enough to carry the show as the group transforms itself into a multi-product

Meanwhile, Gestetner has clearly been putting the battens on finances. A leap in the tax charge from around a third to 49 per cent mainly reflects the clawback following sharp reduction in both the volume and value of stocks, while the balance sheet is expected to show a significant reduction in

The question now after three years of declining profits must be how quickly Gesterner can reduce its reliance on stencil and perhaps more importantly whether it can ever hope to catch up with Japanese competitors in higher technology products Stencils accounted for around half Gestetner's sales last time compared with 54 per cent previously while copiers increased their share from 13 per cent to 16 per cent.

Until that question is answered the shares will continue to provide a nervous market.

Henlys

Little to go for

Just before yesterday's figures for the year to last September, the shares in Henlys, probably the largest BL motor distributor, had the notoriety of yielding nearly 18 per cent or more than any other group in the sector. So thedecision to cut the gross final dividend from 13p to 8.58p bad the shares up 5p to 79p. But how appealing now is a yield of less than 11 per cent?

The directors hope the new payment is sustainable even if present conditions continue for some further period". However, they said at half-time last June that if things were picking up now they would recommend a maintained final. But they are not picking up. Business in the first quarter of the present financial year was bad and the first six months could again see Henlys losing money after last year's slide from pretax profits of £4.3m into £387,000 of

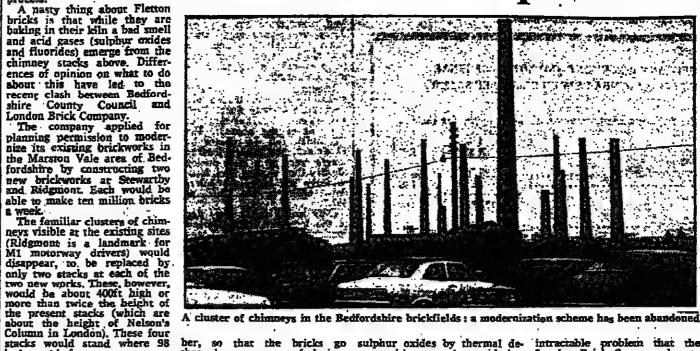
The slide into losses was not surprising though Kennings avoided them thanks partly to a good tyre and heating oil business, as did Lookers which in relation to its size is big in spare parts and ervice. Henly tried to offset the car slump with good showings from service and leasing, but

they were not large enough. The group is looking to property sales besides lower interest rates to offset last year's rise in interest and stock finance thargesf rom £1.88m to £3.2m and it is fortunate that the property market is holding up reasonably well enough for it to

contemplate this method of refinancing. But property sales would presumably lessen Henlys' attraction to potential bidders who in any case have failed to appear after years of rumour. So net tangible assets of 249p a share may be of only limited relevance. The group has a mere 30 per cent or so of business outside BL, mainly in Ford and Renault franchises, and earnings are not obviously in sight. So there is no hurry to buy the shares.

Technology

clay from which they are made carries its own fuel—a lignite-like material of algae, spores, pollen, bacteria and other things that have been there for How the 'Bedford smell' the past 130 million years or more, This fuel is burnt out as foxed the experts the bricks are fired, providing about 75 per cent of the energy needed for the brick-making



A cluster of chimneys in the Bedfordshire brickfields: a modernization scheme has been abandoned

ber, so that the bricks go through a sequence of drying, firing and cooling. Powdered coal is fed into the top of the appropriate kiln chambers during the final stages of firing. Under the Alkali Act of 1906

the brickmaking process must employ the "best practicable means" for preventing the escape of noxious or offensive nto the atmosphere. The gases into the atmosphere. The Alkali Inspectorate accepts that there is no suitable rechnology available that would enable the inspectorate to require the re-moval of pollutants from the fluo gases,

The inspectorate's main requirement is that the gases should be dispersed from tall chimneys. This does not reduce the amounts of pollutants emitted, but it does reduce the ground-level concentrations, particularly near the works.

The pollutants are generated as the bricks are fired, the

sulphur oxides by thermal decomposition and exidation within the clay, the fluoride by other reactions and the odours by the partial oxidation (combustion) of the materials in the clay.

The main sulphur compound emitted is sulphur dioxide, about 43,000 tonnes of which are emitted annually from the present Ridgmont and Stewarthy works. For comparison, a 2,000-megawatt coal-fired power station on an average load of 60 per cent will emit about 100,000 ronnes of sulphur

About 430 comes of fluorides emerge from the Ridgmont and Stewathy chimneys also, com-pared with about 360 tonnes for the coal-fired power station.

Odour emissions are harder
to quantify; they may not be
physically harmful but they
can be unpleasant. Their control is probably the most

intractable problem that the London Brick Company has to face", a report by the Department of the Environment noted last June.

What, if anything, can be done to control these emis-Cramer and Warner, consulting engineers, who were com-missioned by Bedfordshire County Council to analyse the environmental implications of

the brick company scheme, reported: "The chemical natures of the pollutant emissions from this process are sufficiently different to indicate that no single abatement technique will be found to remove all the materials from the stack gas ".

Thus separate processes for the removal of acid gases and odours have been examined as part of the London Brick company's research over the past

For odours, two types of in-Direct incineration, involving the complete combustion of all organic materials in the gas stream at about 1,000 degrees cemigrade can destroy the odor but brings other prob-lems. To burn heavy fuel oil to achieve the required tempera-ture—the normal technique—would itself increase the sulphur oxide emissions by about a half. And the cost of the oil alone would almost double the cost of producing the bricks (from about £30 per thousand to about £55, the consultants estimated).

In the second technique ex-amined—catalytic incineration energy costs are lower because a lower temperature is used. Again it can effectively kill the odour—but in the process it gives rise to another problem. The fluoride in the gas stream poisons the catalytic bed, rendering it ineffective. Only if fluoride could be re-moved completely from the gas stream, which is regarded as highly unlikely could this pro-

As for the acid gases, the As for the acid gases, the London Brick Company has experimented with their removal in a modified kiln using a double-alkali scrubber technique. This was successful in removing 95 per cent of fluorides and 80 per cent of sulphur oxides. sulphur oxides.

sulphur oxides.

Here again, however, this benefit brought attendant problems. Operation of the process was difficult and many technical problems were encountered—high operating cost, high raw material use, serious waste disposal problems arising from the highly odorous thixotropic aludge produced and fouling of ducts and flues by organic materials. The cost effect would be to increase the ex-works be to increase the ex-works price of bricks by about £14 per

Other possibilities are being explored, but there seems no easy way to clean up the Bedfordshire air. (Ironically, the new scheme would have been much less polluting than the present works.)

Local residents, and motorists on the M1, will be aware of the unsweet smell of brickmaking in Bedfordshire for some years

Kenneth Owen

John Huxley

Thaw begins in British-Soviet trade

British and Soviet ministers are now virtually certain to meet-in London, probably at the beginning of May, to discuss economic and industrial cooper-ation. It will be the first time that top-level trade talks have been held for more than two

that removal was not possible at present, but that the plans included provision for the installation of removal systems

later, if and when the tech-nology became available.

nology became available.

The council amounced its rejection of the company's plans last mouth. Last week the company said that it had abandoned the Bedfordshire scheme for the time being.

A Fletton brick kiln consists of a number of the property of the consists.

of a number of chambers and typically fires about a million bricks a week. The bricks are stationary and the fire moves along from chamber to cham-

Next week Mr Gavin Dick, Under-Secretary for Trade, will visit Moscow for talks on "basic issues" with his opposite numbers. This has already re-vived the hopes of businessmen that more normal commercial relations with Russia will soon be resumed.

These were interrunted about a year ago in the aftermath of the Soviet invasion of Afghanis-tan. After consultations with Britain's allies Lord Carrington announced a series of restric-tions, to be applied bearing in mind the Government's view that "all trade should be pursued on a basis of mutual advantage ".

A preferential credit arrangement, negotiated in 1975, was topped; all exports involving high technology were to be vet-ted and, where found to be of strategic value, banned; and Britain, along with its European Community partners, agreed not to make good any shortfall in Soviet grain imports because of United States sanctions.

Ministerial trade contacts

were ended and, in various less easily perceived ways support for trade initiatives with the Soviet Union was scaled down. For example, the role of the British Overseas Trade Board

The effects of these measures remains difficult to assess, al-though it is clear that they have less far-reaching than ome businessmen originally feared and some proponents of political action against the Russians hoped.

The latest trade figures show that Britain actually increased its exports to the Soviet Union, while reducing its imports.

Thus, the traditional trade deficit for the first 11 months of last year narrowed from £370m to £286m. (This imbalance is to £286m. (This imbalance is no cause for immediate con-cern, because Britain reexports a large emount of Russian imports, especially furs and

ports, especially furs and jewellery.)
This shift in trade has little to do with specifically Anglo-Russian factors. Rather, it reflects the general change in Britain's trading pattern during 1980, which saw exports hold up and the imports bill paid by industry in recession, fall.

Mr Ronald Scrivener, execu-tive director of the British Soviet Chamber of Commerce, says that the 1930 figures largely describe business arrangements concluded before the Carrington restrictions. Benation, contracts frequently have a long lead time.

Withdrawal of the "Wilson" line of credit, originally worth £950m, appears to have had little effect. Businessmen had been slow to take up the facility, in any case. Restrictions on grain exports were always of greater symbolic than

practical value.

Exports of technology also seem to have been little affected. The Department of Trade said yesterday that policy had been reviewed through Cocom, a coordinating committee comprising most of the western allies. It could point to no specific occasion on which an export was stopped. However, it is possible that the more stringent sanctions applied by the United States may have prevented some British companies, using tech-nology under licence from American concerns, from bidding for contracts.

Nevertheless, Mr Scrivener is convinced that collectively the sanctions have had an effect, which may in subsequent years prove to have been damaging for British industry. He believes

that the various signals of disapproval shown by the Government have encouraged the Soviet Union to look elsewhere for trading partners.
"It must also be remembered

that business with state-trading countries, like Russia, depend very much on official contacts, especially at ministerial level. The ending of these may prove to bave had serious conse-

For the time being British companies have continued to show the flag in a variety of markets. An examination of recent contracts notified to the British Overseas Trade Board gives an indication of their diversity—wrapping supplied by Siat Packing Systems, of London; rescue equipment worth £120,000, supplied by RFD Inflatable of Godalming; lathes, valued at £1.4m, by Wickman Automatic Lathes, of Coventry: plastics and packag-ing machinery for a margarine factory, worth £2m, supplied by John Waddington, of Leeds.

By far the biggest deal done over the past 12 months was that concluded by ICI last November. The chemicals company, which in 1979 imported products—mainly oil and naphthia—from the Sovier Union, signed a general trading agreement expected to boost Fiat Allis; a trade agreement its sales to Russia by about £30m a year. It will run for 10 years.

The deal was signed, on behalf of the Russians, by Mr Vladimir Sushkov, the Soviet deputy foreign trade minister. This indicated the extent to which the trade cold war be-tween Britain and the Soviet Union had thawed.
The previous week Mr

Sushkov, speaking at a conference organized by the London Chamber of Commerce, had remarked that Moscow welremarked that Moscow wel-comed participation by British companies in offshore oil, coal, agriculture, synthetic fibres and machine tools. Machinoimport,

Soviet state trading organiza-tion, had already begun talks with Rolls-Royce, GEC, Davy International and Constructors John Brown on a large pipeline

Since then trade officials—If not ministers—have widened the hole in the, edmittedly thin, ice by making a point of attending the same functions. British officials have also resumed their attendance at meetings of the British Russian Chamber Commerce, which has some 600

company members.
A factor in this process has undoubtedly been the sure knowledge that Britain's political allies, but commercial rivals, have been less hesitant in resuming government contacts and filling the trade gaps left by the British and the more resolutely hard-line Americans who cut exports to Russia by 67 per cent in the first nine months of 1980. Mr Scrivener points to the activities of the West Germans, Italians, French and Japanese. The more diplo-matic United Kingdom trade

officials can only mutter darkly
Each of these has retained,
or reestablished trade links
with the Soviet Union. A
number of large contracts have been signed or are in the offing. They include a £33m heavy vehicle deal involving

chemicals group; and cou-druing negotiations on the Siberia pipeline project with groups such as ENI of Italy and Ruhrgas, of West Germany. Various Western nations have values vester willingness to indicated their willingness to provide credit for the gas known Indeed, despite communed tension in East-West relations,

the latest figures from Moscow who that Soviet trade with the West rose by 33 per cent during the first half of 1980. This was explained largely by the rise in Russian export prices, rather oil. Meanwhile,

intensifying Mr Scrivener be-lieves that many have been able to steal a march over Britain in the past 12 months; but he welcomes the Govern-ment's latest initiative as a step towards regaining lost ground.
Mr Dick's visit is clearly
crucial. Not only will he be
anxious to smooth the way for the foint commission meeting in May (the last, in 1978, ending in a slanging match between Mr Edmund Dell, then trade minister, and his opposite number on treatment of dissi-dents), but his visit will be in-terpreted as heralding a change

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Name of company (each of which is incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)	Dividend No.	Rate of dividend per share
East Daggefontein Mines Limited	74	15 cents
The South African Land & Exploration Company Limited	79	20 cents
Vaal Reefs Exploration and Mining Company Limited	49	700 cents
Western Deep Levels Limited	38	400 cents

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Business Diary: Not peanuts for Ex-Presidents • Bargain basement fines

In the four years Jimmy Carter was in the White House the peamut business on which his family fortune was based has been in the doldrums, But now, after frosts in the South-any frost is severe in Georgiathere are widespread reports of peagut shortages.

The extent of crop damage 15 Still unclear but prices have begun to move up so, he would seem to have chosen a good time to go back into the business, if indeed that it is what he does.

Though he was usually decribed as a peanut farmer, the business which made him a dollar millionaire was the larter Wharehouse. While be was in office he severed all connexions with this by leasing it to a private company called Gold Kist and they say that hey still do not know whether he will want it back now that he s out of work. However, the leal was such that if he does, hey will not stand in his way. The former President seems o he in no hurry. He has set ip a new office in cosmopolitan Atlanta, rather than in sleepy 'lains, and plans to work there t least two days a week. He is writing a book about his residency and will also be ataloguing and arranging his

residential papers which will

pension of \$69,630, which may seem small. But he also gets big expenses. For the first 30 months out of office he gets \$150,000 to pay his staff and he receives \$96,000 a year there-

He has unlimited travelling expenses for himself and two aides and his office rent, telephone and postal charges are all paid for indefinitely.

"All these things can mount up. Charter's immediate prede-cessors are both said to draw more than \$300,000 in expenses. In 1977, for example, Gerry Ford billed the government for repairs to his swimming pool in the house he used as an office and in 1978 President Nixon claimed \$100,000 for stationery.

Carter in contrast is paying just \$250 a month to rent a house in Plains.

• Independent and law abiding traders are disturbed at the trading standards authorities' failure to enforce the Price Marking (Bargain Offers) Order 1979, a complex law intended to do away with misleading price

comparisons. To date the best the trading standards officers, the Mr Plods of consumer protection, can boast is fines totalling £5.000 on 10 charges against MFI Furniture Centres in West Nor will he have an financial "balf price" sale in which the prices. He gets an annual prices never changed.

"To me a fine of £5,000 would be a very big hole in the business indeed, complained one small businessman yester-day. "To MFI it is a mere flea-

Theoretically unlimited fines might be imposed for breaches of the Bargain Offers Order for conviction on indictment, but the queue for the courts is so long that all trading standards authorities prefer to seek summary conviction in magistrates' courts, where the maximum fine is £1,000.

Meanwhile, anyone who wants to avoid prosecution altogether has the way pointed for them by Peter Thomson, director general of the Advertising Standards Authority.

culated on the interpretation of the order, Thomson claims to have discovered a loophole reassertion introduced by the Amendment continuity. Order which was brought in before the original had even

Comparisons with recommen-ded or suggested prices, Thomson says, can now safely quote prices recommended or suggested by any person in the course of business, where originally it could only quote someone who did not himself see the goods or provide the services in

So traders can set their own recommended prices with which to make comparisons



The nomination of Herbert Walden (above) director and general manager of the Heart In guidance notes he has cir- of England Building Society, as ulated on the interpretation of deputy chairman of the Building Societies' Association is a reassertion of the principle of

For it would be harder to find anyone more cast in the mould of senior building society manager than Walden, who has served a life-time in His appointment to the senior

movement—he will automatically succeed chairman-elect Alan Cumming of the Woolwich in two years' time-comes at a time when the movement feels caught between the pincers of the clearing banks and National

echelons of the building society

As those who are watching A new play by William The History Man on television will now, you do not expect to get fine wine from a sociologist. Yet that is precisely what Emanuel de Kadt, a professorial fellow of the University of Sussex, provides. When the Institute of Devel-

opment Studies, in which he works, was threatened with eradication by government cuts, ce Kadt cast about for an alternative means of livelihood. The fact that his wife is Chilcan led him to Chilean wine, of which he has imported 3,500 cases since July last year.

He now counts W. H. Cullen, Victoria Wine and Waitrose among his customers and hopes to near double his volume of business in the coming year.

De Kadt, conscientious sociologist that he remains, searched his conscience before going into business, but decided that buying the country's wine betokened no support for the present Chilean regime. He deals only with Concha y Toro, one of the few wine companies quoted on the Chilean stock exchange, which presumably has more widely distributed ownership than most.

He concludes that wine, universally appreciated in Chile, is a middle-class preoccupation in Britain. One day perhaps he may make a sociological study

Shakespeare is obviously a matter for comment, especially when it is by our own Northern Industrial Correspondent, the man bylined "R. W. Shakespeare."

Bill's play is called Here's a Funny Thing, an entertainment based on the life and performances of the Cheeky Chappie. Max Miller, the cockney comedian who died 18 years ago...

The play, Shakespeare's first, has opened to good reviews at the Lyric, Hammersmith. As befits a regional correspondent, Shakespeare was quick to point out to me last night that the production was first performed at the Playhouse in Liverpool a year ago and reached London only via there, the Royal Ex-change, Manchester, the Oldham Coliseum and the Edipburgh

Business News's Bill Shakespeare is a star of an anecdote that goes like this: hack returns home, late, tired and emotional Wife asks: where have you been? Ah, saus hack. Fve been having a drink with William Shakespeare and Roy Rogers Then, says wife, you are either drunker than I thought or lying. Not so, replies hack: Shakes peare is ours and Roy Rogers is with the Glasgow Herald.

Ross Davies

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Financial Results Subject to final audit, the following are the results of t	he company	for the year
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Royalties received from Vaal Reefs	195 588	66 976
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Administration and other expenses	517	292
Profit before taxation	197 413	67 713
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Taxation	12 913	28 434
Profit after taxation	114 500	39 279
Transfer to general reserve	1 131	2 500
	113 369	36 779
Dividends—No. 7 (interim)	44 200	-
—No. 8 (final)	. 67 600	36 400
	1 569	379
Retained profit brought forward	832	453
Retained profit—December 31 1980	2 401	832
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Earnings per share—cents	440.4	151.1
Dividends per share—cents Number of shares in issue	260 26 000 000	26 000 000
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Declaration of Dividend No. 8

On January 22 1981 dividend No. 8 of 260 cents a share, being the final dividend in respect of the year ended December 31 1980 (1979: 140 cents), was declared in South African currency, payable to members registered in the books of the company at the close of business on February 6 1981.

The transfer registers and registers of members will be closed from February 7 to 20. 1981, both days inclusive, and warrants will be closed from the Johannesburg and United Kingdom offices of the transfer secretaries on or about March 12, 1981. Registered members paid from the United Kingdom will receive the United Kingdom currency equivalent on March 3, 1981, of the rand value of their dividends (less appropriate taxes). Any such members may, however, elect to be paid in South African currency, provided that the request is received at the offices of the transfer secretaries in Johannesburg or in the United Kingdom on or before February 6, 1981.

The effective rate of non-resident shareholders' tax is 15 per cent. The dividend is payable subject to conditions which can be inspected at the head and London offices of the company and also at the offices of the company's transfer secretaries in Johannesburg and the United Kingdom.

Details of the dividends declared in respect of the year ended December 31, 1980,

are as follows:	-	
	Dividend No. 7	Dividend No. 8
Declared	(Interim)	(Final) January 22, 1981
Per share	170 cents	260 cents
Payable to members registered	August 1, 1980	February 6, 1981
Payment date	September 5, 1980	March 13, 1981

Operations at the Vaai Reefs South Lease area

Copies of the quarterly report of Vaal Reefs Exploration and Mining Company Limited, which gives details of the operations in that company's South Lease area, are available on request from the offices of the company's transfer secretaries. Copies of this announcement are being posted to all members at their registered addresses.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Stock markets

Few bright spots as prices slide

Lack of interest, coupled with some end-of-account selwith some end-or-account selling, sent most share prices downwards yesterday. Once again special situations in second-line stocks provided some sparkle in an otherwise duli day's trading.

dull day's trading.

Leading shares opened steadily but soon trailed off, with little activity apart from adjustments by investors for the end of the account. The FT Index fell 4.6 points by 11 o'clock, and though leading shares crept up a little during the day they slipped back later to leave the index 4.6 points down again by the close, at 457.1.

down again by the Loss, 457.1.
Gits had a fairly busy day at the long end, with demand continuing to be good. Longs were £ to £! better by the close but then slipped after hours on reports that American interest rates could rise again. They ended £ to £ better on the day. Shorts opened steady, the day, Shorts opened steady, but found it hard to make headway. Rises of £1 gave way after hours to an overall improvement of £1 to £1/16. Trade was modest.

ICI eased 2p to 284p, as did Beechams at 168p; but Glaxo added that much to 250p.

Gesteiner (F)
Gnome Photo (I) 0.7(0.78)
Samuel Heath (I) 1.6(1.3)
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Henlys (F) A. Kershaw (F)

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at 187p and 238p respectively. Grand Metropolitan gave up 1p of the previous days rise, at 155p; and Fisons was weak, falling 7p to 133p.

Results from Rank Organisation and a dividend in line with market expectations sent its shares up 11p to 66p. Demand was slight.

Nerves over GKN's expected deal with British Steel knocked 8p off the shares at 142p. Engineering shares generally were on offer and Tube Investments fell 4p to 166p, Hawker Siddeley slipped 6p to 240p and Vickers eased 1p to 140p. In second line stocks, Haden Car-rier continued in demand and rose another 5p to 195p. W. G. Allen eased 2p to 38p after its figures. Lucas fell 13p to 172p on news that it had issued gloomy statement about its position to employees.

Henlys, reporting vesterday, rose 5p to 79p with smaller trading losses than expected. Elsewhere in motors Godfrey Davis rose 11p to 160p after its proposed merger was allowed by the Monopolies Commission. News International rose 7p to 102p after hours as speculators

Latest results

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provisional agreement to buy Times Newspapers Ltd from International Thomson, which

rose 1p to 275p.

Tate & Lyle announced better

The continuing fall in the level of inflation has produced another firm performance for the other firm performance for the unsurance sector, particularly among the life insurance groups. Brokers Carr Sebag have been singing the praises of Eagle Star Holdings which they point out has most of its business in the United Kingdom and is far more protected than most from marchings and page 100 to 1 erchange rate movements. The shares rose 5p to 241p yester-

151. Elsewhere in foods, British Sugar was unchanged at 258p. J. Sainsbury was the

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same at 368p. Stores saw House of Fraser weaken 6p to 120p on sugges-tions that Lourho may sell its near 30 per cent stake in the group; but no-one was willing to take a view and there was not much turnover in the

came in following details of its shares. Store shares generally provisional agreement to buy were weak, with British Home Times Newspapers Ltd from Stores suffering more than most and falling 7p to 144p. Boots eased 1p to 227p.

Tate & Lyle announced better Building shares were quiet than expected profits yesterday yesterday with the exceptions and the shares gained 11p to of Newarthill which rose 8p in a thin market to 303p, and Burnett & Hallamshire's 10p jump to 903p. Blue Circle was unchanged at 342p but BPB added 4p to 229p. Aluminium producers were upset by recent suggestions that there may be further recession in the build-ing trade and Alcan lost op to

Oils saw Australian stock Strata fall 24p to 176p with further delays in its drilling reports. The sector was dull with prices slipping as sellers predominated. BP lost 4p to 388p and Shell fell 8p to 436p. Lasmo dropped 12p to 684p and Ultramar gave up 8p to 480p. Tricentrol slipped 6p to 296p and Burmah lost 4p to 180p. Banks were steady except for

Banks were steady except for Barclays which fell 6p to 401p. Financials saw Akroyd & Smithers lose 13p to 305p. Arbuthnot Latham was in demand in a thin market but R. P. Martin dropped 13p to

Mining shares eased with a lower gold price, Anglo American Gold fell £2; to £43 and West Driefontein eased £9/16

to £31 15/16. Equity turnover on January 21 was £130.222m (16,070 bar-21 was £130.222m (16,070 bargains). The most active stocks according to the Exchange Telegraph were GEC, Tricentrol, Bowater, Tate & Lyle, P. and O. BP, Lasmo, GKN, Hanson Trust, ICI, Racal, Barclays, Britania Arrow, First Castle Electronics and ICL.

Traded Options slipped back 988 contracts yesterday, with

988 contracts yesterday, with GEC and Commercial Union providing a substantial number Lonrho topped the list, with 247 contracts, with the February 104s most traded.

Henlys (F) 195.1(204.4) 0.39*(4.3) 0.6*(23.8) 3.0(6.1) — 6.0(9.1)

A. Kershaw (F) 13.2(14.5) 0.43*(0.43) 11.6*(5.16) ml(2.4) — ml(4.05)

Y. J. Lovell (F) 138.97(105) 2.87.2.51) 38.7(37.1) 5.0(4.25) — 7(5.25)

Rank Org (F) 597(538) 111.2(131) 28(38.4) 6(6) 10/4 10.8(10.8)

Rank Precision (F) 46(43) 5.28(59.4) — 176(138) 10/4 282(—)

R. Smallshaw (F) 4.9(5.4) 0.17(0.34) 3.32(6.57) 1.25(—) — 1.75(1.75)

Smith Whitworth (I) 1.29(1.14) 0.07(0.08*) — — 1.75(1.75)

Tate & Lyle (F) 1.42(1.190) 30.7(26.2) 31.0(24.9) 6.5(4) — 10.5(10.5)

Turnshull Scott (I) 6.68(5.44) 0.36(0.25*) 34.76(25.72*) 3(2) 12/2 — (—)

U.S. and General (F) — 1.39(1.39) 10.96(10.89) 6.5(—) 27/3 10.5(10.29)

Warnes Estates (F) 7.15(5.86) 1.69(1.22) 7.4(6.0) 3.5(—) 12/3 6.5(5.0)

Whattings (F) 28.8(19.9) 0.15(0.26*) 3.4(3.07*) ml(—) — 0.9(1.9)

Dividends in this table are shown pet of tax on penc **e per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and earnings are net. **=Loss. Traditional options were busy with declaration day. Puts were arranged in ICI at 14p and calls were done in Premier at 9p, BSG at 74p and Sovereign Oil and Gas at 37p.

DoT cites irregular practices by Scotia

By Peter Wilson-Smith The publishing of misleading accounts, misdating of documents, misrepresentations in circulars to sbareholders and the shading of the truth in correspondence or at meetings are among the practices high-lighted in the Department of Trade report on Scotia Invest-

ments.

The DoT report under Section 185(b) of the Companies Act 1948, which has taken nearly five years to reach publication was carried out by Mr Leonard Bromley, QC. and Mr John Hillyer, a chartered accountant. They conclude by saying: "Speed and fairness in the procedure of investigation and procedure of investigation and report will, in many cases, in our view, be irreconcilable," a reference to critcism from the Council for the Securities In-

The inspectors were ap. pointed in February 1976. Scotia's shares were suspended in 1975 after a breach of Stock. Exchange listing requirements concerning transactions beconcerning transactions between Scotia and a private company, Alco Metropolitan Properties. Also, which is controlled by Mr A. T. Dembeniotis, Mr P. Froblich and Mr C. F. Braun—all directors of Scotia—bid for the 40 per cent of Scoria it did not already

own in 1975 The DoT inspectors said of them: "Our investigation has led us to the overwhelminb conclusion that Mr Braun and Mr Dembeniotis and (to a slightly lesser extent) Mr Frohlich have grossly abused Scotia for their own private purposes, and over

a period of years".

The inspectors said that "Scotia's resources and the resources of its subsidiaries . . . were used on a very large scale to afford financial assistance to Alco and the Alco directors or their interests." They said ordinary commercial considerations played little part in this support and "in various ways Scotia was manipulated for the benefit of Alco

Downturn

at Watson

By Our Financial Staff

Watson & Philip, the Scottish-based food distributors, yester-

day ennounced pretax profits down to £504,000 from £780,000

in the year to October.

Sales were up by 20 per cent in the second half of the year,

giving an increase of £8m to £72m against the previous year.

The final gross dividend is un-

changed at 2.85p, making an unchanged total for the year of

Tax was £272,000 egainst £446,000 last time, but £1.14 has

serves, giving a net increase of £1.4m to distributable reserves. Mr James Hadden, the chairman, said trading had been difficult with mixed results from the group's activities. The

new catering division in the Lake iDstrict, Cranston Hors-burgh, had been trading profit-

ably, but results from nthe self

drive hire interest were dis-appointing because of local

management difficulties and market conditions. Both are re-

He said efforts were continu-

ing to restore the business to a sound footing. No spectacular

recovery is looked for this year.

but the board believes there are reasonable grounds for improve-

cent acquisitions.

4.28p gross.

Lovell lifts payout as profits rise

By Margareta Pagano
Defying the recession, Y. J.
Lovell, the construction and timber group, has once again reported higher profits and in-creased dividend payments for

creased dividend payments for the year to September.
Group pretax profits rose to £2.87m from £2.6m the year before, on sales boosted to £138.97m against £105m last time. The final gross dividend is 7.14p, making total payments for the year of 10p gross, an increase of 22 per cent. The shares rose 5p to 186p.
Higher profits from commer-

Higher profits from commer-cial development, housing sales and general construction work more than offset lower profits from plant hire and the timber struction and related activities

recorded profits of £2.6m against £2.4m, but sales de-clined in the timber division with profits down to £237,000 from £350,000.

Losses from an associated Nigerian company have now been reduced to £25,000 compared with £224,000 last year, and business is virtually at a standstill Losses were also re-corded in the group's public sector housing contracts, which normally account for 30 to 40 per cent of total sales.

Mr James Laing finance director, added that trading

in the present year had started well with 80 per cent of potential contracts aiready secured. Although market conditions remain difficult, the group has Properties held for invest- present year.

By Peter Wilson-Smith Lincroft Kilgour, hir by the textiles recession, has recorded losses in the second helf after

the sharp drop in first-half profits. For the year to Septem-ber 30 the cloth merchanting

and menswear group lost £425,000 before tax compared with a £435,000 profit.

The cutbacks, foreshadowed

at the interim stage, have had to be more severe than Lincroft intended. The loss making mail-order business has been sold

and accounts for most of the £415,000 extraordinary debit. Of

this, £200,000 went on redund-

ancies and the rest on asset

ment were recently revalued at £18.4m when shareholders' funds were £25.5m, equivalent to an asser value per share of 367p. The group's land bank, together with work in progress, is valued at £17m, Bank borrowings are about £10m.

In the last year Lovell com-pleted 1,300 "sponsored" pleted 1,300 sponsored houses in partnership with local authorisies and orders for the current year are for 700 houses. These sell at between £20,000 and £30,000 to people on council house lists.

A 7 per cent decline in sales from the softwoods timber

from the softwoods timber division, is blamed for the downturn in profits, which started in the second half. Mr

Optimism despite fall

at Lincroft Kilgour Lincroft's strributable loss totalled £950,000 compared with a £247,000 profit and the final dividend, like the interim, has been passed. In 1979-80 divi-dends were 5.93p gross.

Turnover fell from £14.5m to f13.2m, reflecting a drop in volume approaching a quarter. However, Mr Tony Holland, chairman, believes demand has stabilized. With reduced cests. and the sale of the mail order business, the group expects to be back in profit in 1980-81.

The reduction in ner assets from 98p to 78p a strare and a f600,000 rise in ner debt to about £22m left Lincroft overborrowed at the year end.

Courts holds interim after fall to £1m

Taxable profits of Courts (Furnishers) have been more than halved from £2.79m to £1m in the six months to September 30. However, the dividend is held at 2.5p gross. Turnover went up from £25.9m to £25.5m.

The board says that trading in third quarter has been much more satisfactory both in the United Kingdom and overseas, and profits for the second half should be considerably in excess of those for first half. In the coming months trading in the United Kingdom looks like being difficult, but the group's growing strength overseas should continue to help. progress.

Whatlings back

to profits Whatlings has turned a loss of £257,000 into a pretax profit of £152,000 in the year to September 30. However, there is a cut in dividend from 2.71p gross to 1.28p. Earnings a share are 3.4p against a loss of 3.07p. Turnover was £28.8m against

The board described the pro-fit for the year as disappointing. This is due to certain difficult contracts which show disproportionate losses in relation to their value. The outcome of these projects may well improve when final accounts are agreed.

Glanfield Lawrence plunges into loss

Glanfield Lawrence has passed the final dividend on ordinary and "B" ordinary

shares after a pretax loss of 5203,000, against a profit of £156,000, in the year to last

Turnover in the year slipped from £10.7m to £9.8m. There is no dividend for the year, against 1.78p last year. There was a 6p loss per share against earnings a share of 4.9p last

Trading results of all subsidiaries showed a decline and the Cardiff business had ceased trading, the company said.

W. G. Allen predicts fall for year

W. G. Allen and Sons re-ports sales for the six months to September 30 at £3.7m against £3.8m and pretax profit of £40,000 compared with £212,000. The interim dividend is held at 1.14p gross.

The board says that it is clear that the results for the current year will fail far short of last year. The group has however maintained its market share.

Barget reduces pretax loss

Sales at Barget for the year to September 30 dipped from £3.6m to £2.04m. The pretax loss was £289,000 against £857,000.

There was again no dividend.
The board says that the results reflect the rationalization programme of the previous management, and measures taken by the new management to reduce losses in the furniture making business.

Briefly :

Prestwich Parker: of recent rights Issue, 475,000 shares have been taken up and the balance of 534,522 shares have been sald for benefit of the provisional allottees who did not take up their entitle-

ment. Panther Securities : has contracted Panither Securities: 12s contracted to purchase two parades totalling 30 shops and maisonettes at Hart-cliffe, Bristol: The parades are virtually fully let on full repairing and insuring leases and produce a net income after ground rents of about £57,000 a year. Total cost of this investment will be about £375,000 to show an initial yield of over 15 per cent per annum. Samuel Heath and Sons: Turnover

starred in the second half. Mr
Laing says the group expects recovery in this division in the present year.

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Permaner of the fall second fall year to September 30, 51.62m (£1.31m). Pretax profit £164,000 (£180,000). Company is encountering problems in retaining margins in face of strong pound and a depressed home market. In September group sequired Dartmouth Pottery. Central Mannfacturing & Trading Group: Caparo Group has acquired through the market 230,000 shares at \$1.250. Holding of Caparo in serves, giving a pet increase of

through the market 230,000 shares at \$1.25p. Holding of Caparo in CMT now totals 5.68m shares (21.5 per cent).

Warren Plantation Holdings Rights issue: Acceptances have been received in respect of 95.6 per cent of the issue.

Turnbull Scott Holdings: Turnover for six months to September 30 f6.6m (f5.4m). Pretax profit \$250,000 (loss £250,000). Earnings per share 34.7p (loss 25.7p). Interim, 4.2p (2.8p).

Smith Whitworth: Turnover for balt year September 30, 1980 £1.29m (£1.13m). Pretax profit £73,000 (loss £89,000). No interim. In view of recession it is not expected-that first half performance

In view of recession it is not expected-that first half performance will be repeated in second. Litigation with Vickers referred to in aminal accounts is currently in progress, but no provision has been made in the period in relation to this.

Royco: Holders of 3m ordinary shares of Royco have approved the scheme of arrangement by which Bonnespark would acquire the remaining 25 per cent of Royco. The scheme should be effective on 26 February.

CONSUMER SPENDING The following are the first estimated figures for consumer expenditure seasonally adjusted at constant 1975 prices, released by the Central Statistical Office yesterday.

change over previous quarter at annual rate

Bank Base Rates

Barclays 14% Consolidated Crdts 14% C. Hoare & Co .. *14% Lloyds Bank 14% Midland Bank 14% Nat Westminster .. 14% Rossminster 14% 7 day deposit on sums of £10,000 and under 11'2'c. up to £50,000 12'4'c, over £50,000 12'4'c.

M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited 27/28 Lovat Lane London EC3R 8EB Telephone 01-621 1212 The Over-the-Counter Market

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In a year when many settled for survival **BOC** International went for revival

1980 was a testing year for the reshaped **BOC International Group. However:**

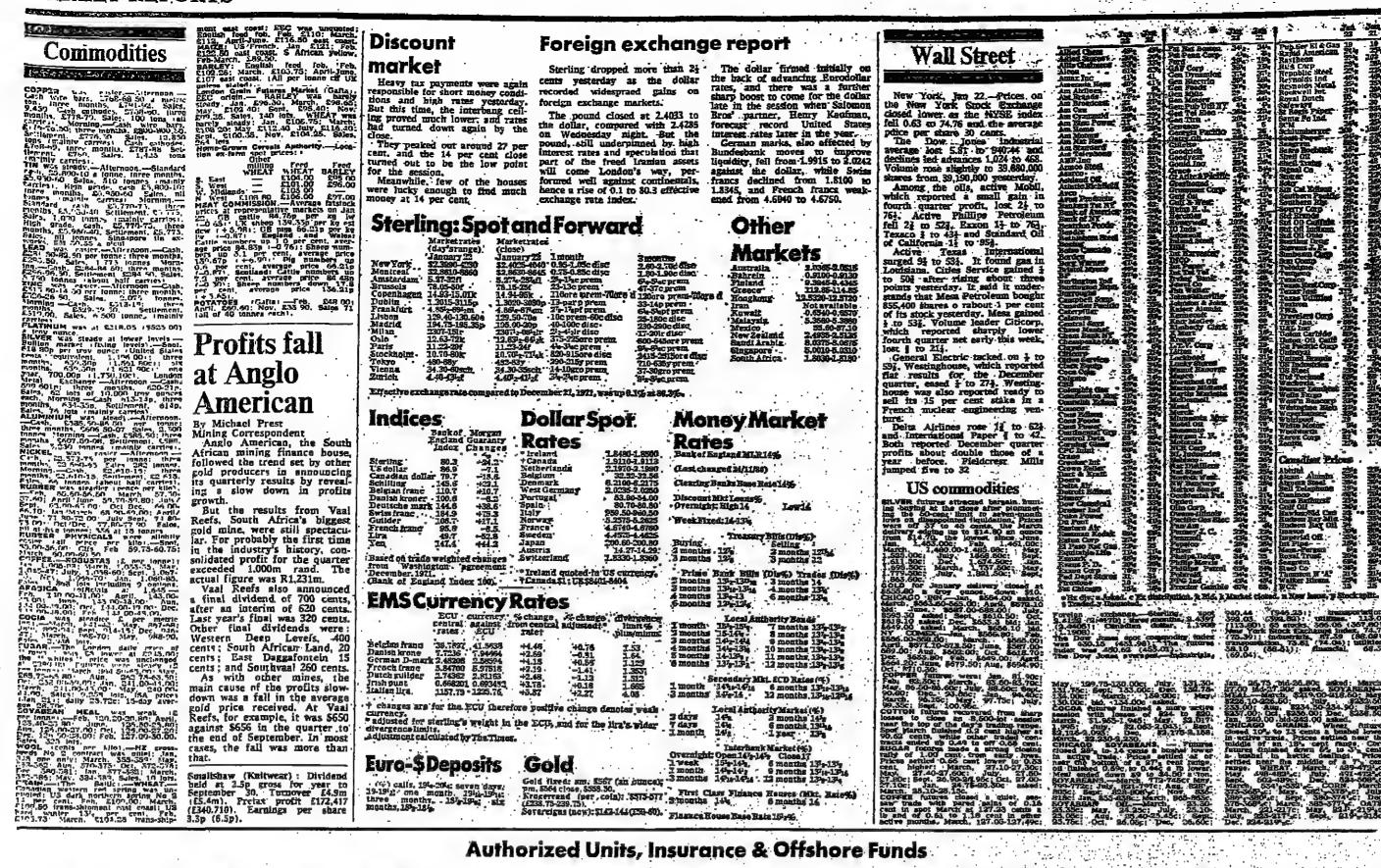
- Despite a decline in reported sales, there was an underlying growth of 12% in tumover.
- Reflecting the truly international nature of the Group, nearly three-quarters of trading profit came from outside the UK.
- Reflecting our confidence for 1981, dividend was raised by 10%.
- In current cost terms dividend is covered a comfortable 1.6 times.
- Our share price has never been higher than in recent

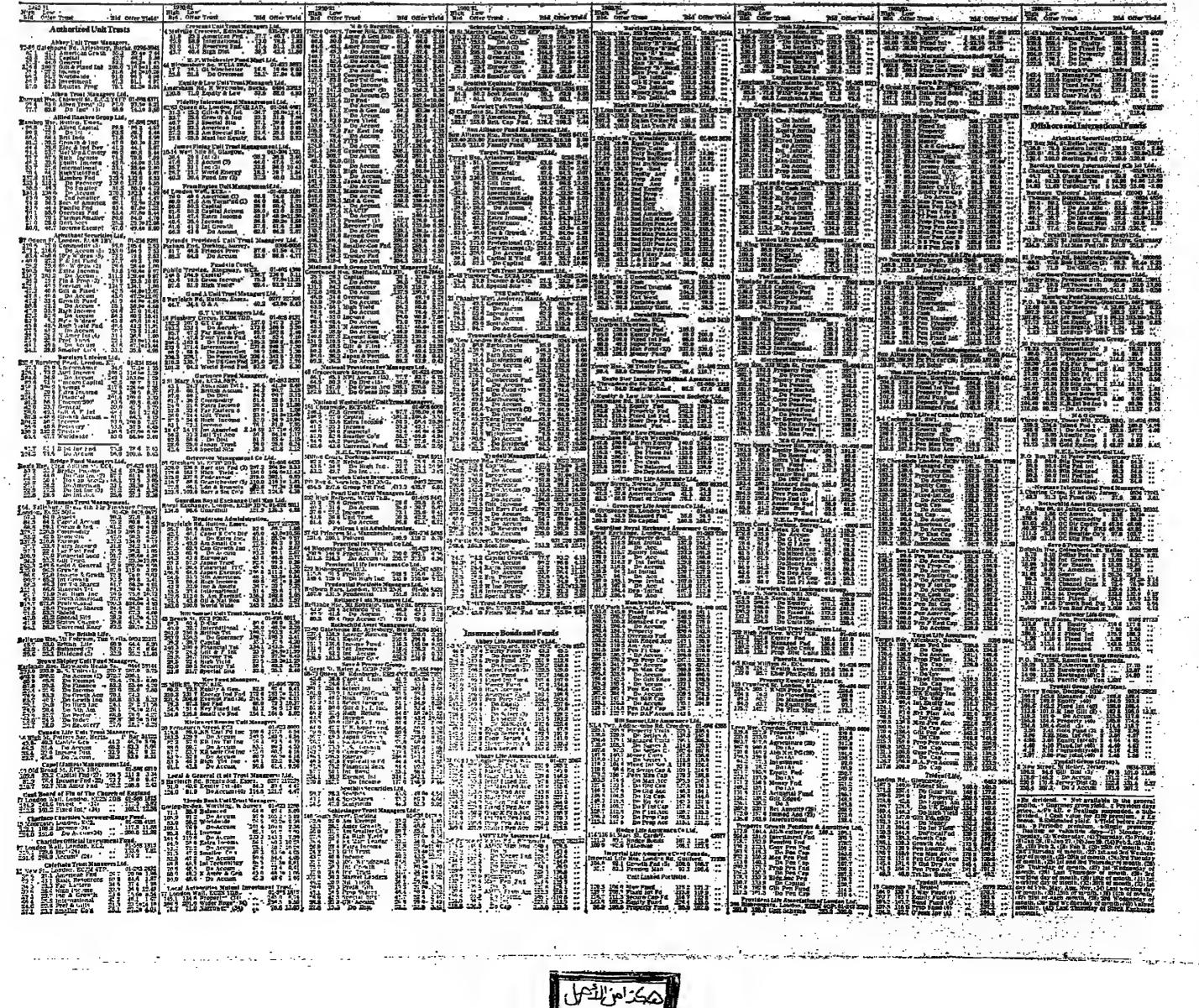
The 53,372 Shareholders of BOC international have just been sent their copy of the 1980 Annual Report. If you would like a copy of this report, please complete the coupon below or telephone Investor Relations Department, BOC International, (01) 748-2020.

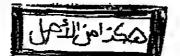
The 95th Annual Meeting of BOC International Ltd., will be held at The Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, King Street, London W6, on Wednesday 25th February 1981 at 2.30 pm.



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Stock Exchange Prices

Little interest

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New Housing Act does not have etrospective effect

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The Court of Appeal, giving degment in three appeals which are heard together, confirmed seession orders against Mr. borge Harrison, of Breckenbury and Hammersmith, and Mrs. nny Watson, of Balmes Road, ackney, made respectively by idge Stucley in favour of immersmith and Fulham London rough and by Judge Willis in mmersmith and Futham London rough and by Judge Willis in cour of Hackney London trough. The court allowed an opeal by Haringey London rough from a decision of Judge buer declining to make a possession order against Mrs Ellen useer, of Pelham Road,

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LORD JUSTICE BRANDON said the appeals concerned

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Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the Housg Act, 1980, came into operation October 3. Section 28 defined new type of tenancy called a securit tenancy." Subsection (1) orided: "A tenancy under nich a dwelling house is let as separate dwelling is a secure nancy at any time when the combons described below as the idiord condition and the tenant nditions are satisfied..." Buth additions were satisfied in the secure cases.

il not entertain proceedings for possession of a dwelling bouse under a secure tenancy or for

enancy, unless the landsord has served on the tenant a notice complying with the provisions of this section . . . By subsection (2) the notice had to be in a form prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State: set the Secure Tenancies (Notices) Re-gulations, 1980 (SI 1980 No 1339). Section 34(1) prohibited the court from making an order for posses-tion of a house "let under a tecure tenancy" except on one or more of the grounds set out in 'chedule 4. None of the authorities had

served section 33 notices on the renants in the prescribed furm, and it followed that if at the date the possession actions were begun (the relevant date for section 33(1)) or heard and adjudicated on (the date for section 34 (1)), the flats in question 34 (1), the flats in questio tion were "let under a secure tenancy" in the meaning of those sections, the claims for posses-sion must fall.

The local authorities contended that since valid notices to quit had been served, which had ex-pired before the dates on which price before the pages on which the possession actions were begun, and a fortiori before they were heard and adjudicated on, it was impossible to say that the flats were let at all on those dates, much less that they were let on secure tenancies. They pointed to the present tense in the expression "is let" in section 28, and the ordinary and natural meaning of the words in sections 28, 33 and 34. They said that it the date the actions were begun, "is this flat presently let to the tenant at all?", and that in view of the notices to quit the answer was plainly "no".

The tenants argued, on the basis of a series of cases on certain of the earlier Rent Acts, that "let under a secure tenancy" was an clastic expression which "was previously, prior to the service and expiry of any otherwise valid notice to quit, let under a secure tenancy as defined and explained in section 28".

plained in section 28".

The most important case was Remon v City of London Real Property Co Ltd ([1921] 1 KB 491, where it was held that a tenant on whom a nonice to quit expiring on June 24, 1920, was served, was protected by the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Restriction) Act, 1920, which came into force on July 2, 1920. That Act applied to any house or part thereof "let as a separate dwalling", and the Court of Appeal held that that expression included the letting under which the tenant in that case became tenant. The court under which the tenant in that case became tenant. The court conceded that its decision involved straining the language of the expression. To similar effect were Hutchinson v Jauncey ([1951] 1 KB 574) and Jonas v Rosenberg ([1950] 2 KB 52), decided under the Landlord and Tenant (Rent Control) Act, 1949.

The tenants' basic proposition The tenants' basic proposition was that the provisions in the 1980 Act were in pari materia with the provisions for security of the provisions for security of tenure for private sector tenants in the earlier Acts, so that "let under a secure tenancy" in the 1980 Act should be given a simi-larly strained and unnatural

His Lordship could not agree with that proposition. Although there were similarities between the two sets of legislation, there the two sets of legislation, there were important differences. First, the Act in relation to which Remon was decided was passed to deal as quickly as possible with the acute shortage of housing after the First World War, caused by the demobilitation of imports. by the demobilization of immense numbers of the Armed Forces. Chapter 2 of Part 1 of the 1980 Act was not passed to meet any such urgent circumstances. Its purpose was the assimilation of rights as between public and private sector tenants, which, while no doubt regurded as desirable in the general interests of social equality and non-discrimination, was not an urgent matter.

The second difference lay in the legislature's methods of effecting its purpose. In the earlier Acts, particularly before 1965, the legislature did not interfere with the common law interfere with the common law principles whereby periodic renamines were brought to an end by notice to quit, and terms certain by effluxion of time, What the legislation did was to create a new relationship, after the contractual tenancy came to an end, between the landlord and renam—a relationship which came to be known in the courts as a "statutory tenancy", a formulation which was eventually recognized in section 1(4)(b) of the Rent Act, 1965.

By commant, the 1960 Act

By comrast, the 1980 Act abolished altogether the common law principles for the determina-tion of tenancies. It provided that on the expiry of a contractual on the expiry of a contractual tenency for a term certain, a periodic tenancy took its place (unless a further term certain was granted), and that a periodic tenancy, whether having that character originally or coming into being on the expiry of a term certain, was not capable of determination except by the land-lood obtaining an order of the lord obtaining an order of the

The two pieces of legislation were not, therefore, in pari materia, and decisions on the retrospective effect of certain pro-visions in the first could not be regarded as binding on the court in relation to the second.

If Remon's case had not been decided the way it was, the mam-fest purpose of the 1920 Act would have been frustrated. To adopt the ordinary meaning of "let under a have been frustrated. To adopt the ordinary meaning of "let under a secure tenancy" in the 1980 Act, namely "let under a secure tenancy at the date to which each subsection relates"—in the case of section 33(1), the date of commencement of the action for possession, and in section 34(1), the date of deciding whether an order for possession should be made—would not defeat the purpose of Chapter 2 of Part 1. It would mean that only those public sector tenants whose tenancies were not lawfully brought to an were not lawfully brought to an end before October 3, 1980, would benefit from that Chapter.

Lord Justice Waller delivered a concurring judgment, and Sir David Cairns agreed with both Solicitors: Hammersmith and Fulham Community Law Centre; Mr C. T. Mahoney. Mr T. F. Neville; Tottenham Neighbour-hood Law Centre, Hackney Law Centre; Mr R. A. Benge.

Exxon Corporation and Others v Exxon Insurance Consultants International Ltd Before Mr Justice Graham His Lordship held, on a motion for judgment in default of defence, but having had the assistance of argument from an amicus turiae, that the plaintiffs, Exxon of the word "Exxon".

As to the claim for copyright

As to the claim for copyright protection, Mr Vivian Price strongly argued that the size of

strongly argued that the size of a literary work was immaterial. There was logically no reason why one word which was written should not be a literary work just as much as a work of greater length. The definition in the Shurter Oxford English Dictionary of "literary" was, (1) "nertaining to letters of the

Dictionary of "literary" was, (1) "pertaining to letters of the alphabet " (an earlier meaning), and (2) " of or pertaining to or of the nature of literature and books". After referring to University of London Press Ltd v University Tutorial Press Ltd (11916] 2 Ch 6011, and Ladbroke (Football) Ltd v William Hill

(Foothall) Ltd v William Hill (Football) Ltd ([1964] 1 WLR 2031, where the rough test pro-pounded in the earlier case by

tained no definition of original literary work, though by section 48 "literary work" included any written table or compilation. The

words must be given their ordinary meaning, and cases showed that "literary" could not

be confined to material having high intellectual quality or style

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Anderson v The Lieber Code Co (1917) 2 KB 469) showed that meaningless words could be the subject of copyright. In cases of that sort, however, it was of course the compilation of many thenevale of words designed for

thousands of words designed for use in coded messages which was the subject of copyright, and the

question whether a particular meaningless word could be copy-

acience, but having had the assis-tance of argument from an amicus curiae, that the plaintiffs, Exxon Corporation, Esso Petroleum Co Ltd. Exxon Ltd and Exxon Inter-national Ltd, were not entitled in succeed in a claim that the word "Exxon" was an "original literary work" entitled to copyright protection under section 2 of the Copyright Act, 1936. The defen-dants, Exxon Insurance Consultants international Ltd, were not present or represented.

Mr Vivian Price, QC, and Mr John Fitzgerald for the plaintiffs; Mr John Mummery as smitus

HIS LORDSHIP said that the case was a motion for judgment in default of defence under Order 19, Rule 7 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, the planniffs alone being represented. Though the rule stated that the court "shall give such judgment" as the plaintiff appeared entitled to on his statement of claim, judg-ment on the motion was in fact ment on the motion was in fact distretionary. As his Lordship road the rule, it meant that the court should prima facie give judgment, if justified, on the pleadings, but that there might be some good reason why it should not do so. Where, as in the present case, only the party seeking relief was present and the relief sought might be far reaching in its consequences and might affect the public interest adversely in other case, the court might affect the public interest, adversely to other cause, the court was cutilled to be sure that it had heard full and proper argument both for and against the correctness of the liw upon which the statement of claim was founded.

If the plaintiffs' argument were right all invented words which might be registrable as trade marks could be argued to be the subject of copyright, whether registered or not. The consequences would be far reaching, and probably in many cases objectionable, and in those circomstances it seemed right to ask assistance of the Attorney General in order to be sure that General in order to be sure that the court had received argument on both sides.

The facts were simple. The word "Exxon" was devised by a committee and selected as a new name and trade mark which could name and trace mark which could be used by the plaintiffs and associated and subsidiary companies throughout the world, the word being (a) readily identifiable, (b) invented and devoid of meaning in English or any other language, and (c) was short, distinctive and easily memorized. The word was the result of con-siderable research and testing and, after it was chosen, the first Jersey) to Exxon Corporation. Exxon had become the plaintiffs' main trade mark and was registered for goods in every class in the register. The word "Esso" was still, however, being used in this country. The defendants had no connexion with the plaintiffs but had none the less adorted Erron or part of their corporate name.

As a result, the plaintiffs claimed that they had two inde-pendent rights of action—for

those exceptions related only to laterary reporting and similar more specialized activities. One might well ask also whether the Bishop of Eueter could continue to use the word "Exxon" as part of his name.

Single invented word is not original literary work

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Mr Mummery also contended that on a fair reading of the Act it could not have been intended to give further rights of property in words which would naturally qualify for excellent protection as trade marks or as the subject of passing off actions. There was no need for such protection, and the protection would be limited to period of copyright, which inappropriate to a name or

His Lordship concluded that "Exxoo" was not an original literary work within section 2. One might then ask what then it was, It was a word, invented and therefore original, but mean-ingless; to give it substance it must be accompanied by other words or be used in a particular context or in juxtaposition. When used as part of the plaintiffs' corporate names it clearly denoted

the company in question, and on goods it denoted their origin and quality.

Nothing his Lordship had said that invested to the company in question, and on good their company in question. Nothing his Lordship had said was intended to suggest that a word used as a title could never be the subject of copyright, and his Lordship disagreed with dicta in previous cases. But such a single word would have to justify its recognition as an original literary work rather than merely as an invented word. The mere fact that research or labour was involved in its invention did not in itself enable it to qualify.

At the risk of becoming bogged

able, was worthy of copyright, which could be infringed by the copyring to a greater or lesser extent of its invented words. It

was concavable that the single words "Jabberwock" or "Jabberwock" might be held to be a substantial part of the poem, but if Lewis Carroll had merely invented the word "Jabberwock", he could not have got copyright protection, the legal reason being, his Lordship reason being, his Lordship thought, that the word alone could not properly literary work.

interary work rather than merely as an invented word. The mere fact that research or labour was involved in its invention did not in itself enable it to qualify.

At the risk of becoming bogged in "stithy toves", his Lordship thought his view could best be illustrated by consideration of Lewis Carroll's fantasy "Jabber-wocky". During the appropriate period, the poem was part of the copyright in Alice Through the Looking Class. If copied it would have infringed the book. Undoubtedly the whole composition with its suggested and invented words which made it so memorable, was worthy of copyright;

Wilch Could be infringed by the said in the properties of the plaintiff to make out a prima facle case of infringement, and though it could be said that the possibility of copyright as assumed, there was no real argument on the copyright appearable, was worthy of copyright;

His Lordship concluded thereafted a more fact that research or labour was all though in the could be said that the possibility of could not succeed on the ground of copyright. Solicitors: Needham & Grant.

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pounded in the earlier case by Mr Justice Peterson, handly "what is worth copying is worth protecting", was approved, his Lordship returned to the basic question—whether it was proper to construe "original literary work" in the Act, as properly covering a single invented word, even if considerable time and work had been expended on 19, and whether Exxon was such a word. No unfairness by board of visitors

word.

There were no decided cares which dealt specifically with the point, and the answer must in the end depend on the proper construction of the words acturding to general principles. Before 1911 converght was limited to books, and the Copyright Act, 1842, did not require originality as a necessary qualification. Farlier cases must be read with that in mind. The 1956 Act contained no definition of original Moseley Before Mr Justice Glidewell [Judgment delivered January 20] Where on a prisoner's applica-tion for judicial review of a there is a conflict of evidence hetween the prisoner's offidavit

and that of a member of the board, as to a point on which the application turns, the Divisional Court is entitled to decide which affidavit is more accurate without having to decide whether to call the member for cross-examination on his affidavit.

Mr Justice Glidewell dismissed an application by Michael Moseley. a prisoner, for judicial review of a decision by the board of visitors of Nottingham Prison finding him guilty of assault on a prison

Mr I. J. Dobkin for the applicaut; Mr J. G. M. Laws for the

Mr Mummery cootended that a single word such as "Exxon" could not properly be considered as a linerary work. Even if invented so as to qualify for originality, it was not in any normal sense a "work". It was, of course, capable of being written, and in that sense "literary" as being identified by letters. He pointed out that if the plaintiffs were right it would have extremely inconvenient consequences so far as the public was concerned in that no one could refer to any of the plaintiff companies or to any of their goods bearing the name "Exxon" without having the plaintiff' licence, express or implied, to do so. There was hothing in section 6, dealing with exceptions from protection, which would exclude Mr Mummery cootended that a MR JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that in January last year the applicant, who was serving a sentence in Nottingham prison, was involved in an incident which led to his appearance before the board of visitors charged with assaulting a prison officer. The assuming a prison officer. The adjudicating panel, consisting of only two members of the board, sentenced him to loss of remission. The applicant now sought at order of certiorari to quash that decision on the ground that the chairman had refused to allow that certification of the property of the continuations of the continuations. him to call certain witnesses to support his plea of self-defence. The applicant's affidavit giving an account of the proceedings was in conflict with the chairman's.

It was also said that there were discrepancies between the chair-man's affidavit and the shorthand writer's transcript of the proceed-ings. His Lordship now had to ings. His Lordship now had to decide how that apparent conflict in the evidence on affidavit should he resolved sitting as he did not as a court of first instance jurnadiction, but as a Divisional Court reviewing the decision of a body which conducted its proceedings by virtue of statute.

In R v Hull Visitors. Ex parte St Germain No 2 ([1979] 1 WLR 1401, 1410) Lord Justice Geoffrey Lave said that following Ex parte Zerek ([1951] 2 KB 1) the court would not intervene where there was a conflict of evidence as to a point on which the dispute turned. Since then, however, Order 53 of the Rules of the Supreme Court had been altered, rule 8 now pro-viding that, in interlocutory applications in proceedings on an application for judicial review, the court had power to include an order for the cross-examination of deponents to affidavits. There might well be limits to that

It had been contended for the It had been contended for the board that the members had a status similar to that of magistrates and judges and that it would be improper to crossexamine them on their affidavits. In his Lordship's view, however, Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane had not said that in the Hull Visitors case. What had been said was that the conflict of evidence before the court had had to be resolved without the benefit of crossexamination. If it became apparent that one affidavit was likely to give a more probable account to give a more probable account than one with which it conflicted, it was proper for the court to lean in favour of that deponent even if the other affidavit had been sworn by the chairman of the board of visitors.

In the present case the issue was whether the applicant had in fact made any request to call witnesses, not whether the charwitnesses, rot whether the char-man had refused him the right to call them. It had also been com-plained that the board had ad-mitted certain hearsay evidence, and it had been contended that even if the applicant himself had not called the relevant witness for cross-examination on such evi-dence, the board itself ought to have done so

have done so. His Lordship took the view that where a body which was not a court of law but which had some of the characteristics of a court in dealing with a matter such as a sentence of imprisonment, to which loss of remission was akin, none the less not every error or informality in its proceedings was even more hedged with safeguards than they alreedy were.

His Lordship was satisfied that, on a balance of probabilities, the evidence was that the applicant had not been refused the right to call certain witnesses and there unfairness, as a refusal to allow him to call witnesses would clearly

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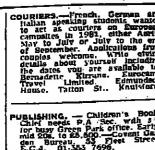
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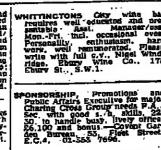
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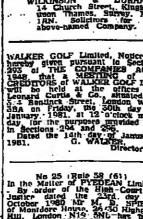
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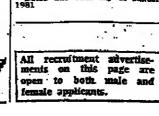


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US first with variable cylinder car

Variable cylinder engines have been rumoured and promised for some years without managing to reach the production stage. But Cadillac buyers in the United States can now specify an engine which operates on eight, six or four cylinders, according to driving conditions.

General Motors has taken the standard six-litre V8 cylinder Cadiliac unit and fitted an electromechanical system of inlet and exhaust valve control, governed by a microcomputer. When six cylinders are operating the engine becomes effectively a 4.5-litre unit, and with four cylinders in use it becomes a three-litre.

The object is to improve the fuel consumption of a large engine, while retaining its performance potential. This is a particular con-cern in the United States, where car manufacturers have to meet consumption targets laid down by the Government: so it is not surprising that GM should be the first But several European manu-

facturers are also looking at what is sometimes called cylinder "disablement" on their bigger engines, including Mercedes-Benz, Porsche, BMW and BL. Of those, BMW is apparently farthest down the road, and could be offering a variable cylinder unit on a produc-

tion car in a couple of years.
The BMW system is linked to its 2.8-litre six-cylinder engine. To give maximum performance on the open road all six cylinders are used, shutting down to three cylinders in town where economy is more relevant then speed. Tests have suggested that the variable cylinder will be about 25 per cent more economical overall than the conven-

The main benefit, however, will be in town driving, while on the Cadillac the advantage is the other way round. The official fuel con-sumption tests, conducted in America by the Environmental Pro-tection Agency, help to explain why.

They show that in the urban driving cycle, the engine runs on eight cylinders 60 per cent of the time, on four 37 per cent and on six 3 per cent. In the open road test, four cylinders are used 88 per cent of the time, six cylinders 8 per cent and eight cylinders 4 per cent.

The electronic control decides, on the basis of engine and road speed, engine temperature and other factors, how and when the cylinders will cut out. Because the engine would be too rough, four-cylinder running is not available until the road speed reaches 27 mph and six cylinders start to operate only above 47 m.p.h.



Performance with refinement-the Audi 200

The BMW system depends mainly on throitle openion: the more gently you drive, the fewer cylinders you use. In that respect, the variable cylinder facility is a little like automatic transmission kickdown. On the open road, to sustain a cruising speed of, say, 70 mph, six cylinders will almost certainly be needed to overcome aerodynamic resistance, while at lower speeds it will be possible to manage on three.

But it all depends on how the computer is set. A possible factor in the different design of the Cadil-lac and BNW systems is that in the United States the overall speed limit is a modest 55 mph, while in West Germany, home of BMV, drivers on the autobahn can go as fast as they like.

At 55 mph, presumably, four cylinders are sufficient to propel

even as big a car as a Cadiliac but one cannot imagine many BMW drivers staying at that speed on the West German motorways.

West German motorways.
While congratulating General
Motors on its "first", one should
say that in Europe there are considerable reservations about variable cylinder systems, even on the part of BMW. One is the diffi-culty of eliminating engine thump as cylinders are added or shut off, although Cadillac claims that the change is so smooth that the occu-pants of the car will be unaware

Second, there is a question mark over the cost effectiveness of the system. The equipment needed to adapt engines to variable cylinder operation is very expensive and since this is likely, in the initial stages to be a low-volume exercise, the unit cost will be very high."

If this extra cost is passed on to the customer, motorists may may save a few gallons of fuel but may save a few gallons of fuel but also add several hundred pounds to the price of the car. Much the same argument can already be applied to diesel engines.

BL which has been examining the possibility of collinder disable-ment on both its V12 Jaquar and V8 Rover engines without coming to any firm conclusion, makes a separate point. Its feeling at the moment is that fuel consumption improvements can be obtained more cheaply, simply and, therefore, reliably by more conventional methods such as greater engine efficiency, better low-speed torque and higher gearing.

Road test: Audi 200

It sometimes tappens that a road test programme put together more or less at random a couple of months ahead should produce, on successive weeks, cars which are almost exact rivals it size, concept and price. The Audi 200—the turbo-charged version of the Audi 100 is so close to the Szab 900 that I was tempted to reprint last week's review and switch the names.

We are back in what might be called the executive-performance market : cars offering the traditional virtues of comfort and refinement but which thanks to the "blown" engine, have a tiler under the bonnet in the case of both the Saab and the Audi, turbe has been used to enable relatively small engines to give as good a performance as units with greater cubic capacity and more cylinders.

Audi has applied the turbo to its fuel-injected 2.2-litre five-cylinder engine, increasing the power output from 136 bhp to 170 bhp. As on the Saab, it must be emphasized that the turbo does not make itself felt until the engine speed is about 3 000 rpm, equivalent to 60 mph in top near. That means that in nor-mal driving the turbo is very little

used. It is good, though, to have the power in reserve, waiting to be unleashed when, for instance, the juggernauts start crowding you on the motorway or indeed in any situation where fast, safe overtaking is called for. The turbo comes in-almost unobtrusively, a smoothly regulated surge.

Automatic transmission-also unobtrusive—is standard on the car, with a five-speed manual box as an option. Acceleration to 60 mph through the gears takes less than nine seconds and the claimed top speed is 121 mpb, but it is the overtaking power, helped by both automatic kickdown and turbo, that is really impressive. My fuel con-sumption returns of 20 to 25 mpg were heavier than on the Saah.

Audi has provided the necessary modifications to accommodate the turbo's performance: front spoiler, larger brakes, stiffer suspension and low-profile tyres. Apart from the power steering, which is low geared and, to my taste, lacking in feel, I have no reservations about the handling of the car. The vehicle is admirably taut and responsive, corners neutrally and with little roll and holds doggedly to the road.

The justification for the unusual five-cylinder configuration is that it gives the smoothness of a "six"

with less weight. Turbocharging has done nothing to impair that smoothness and the car can be cruised quietly at speeds well above our motorway limits. There is little wind noise, though the fat tyres inevitably produce some bump and thump on rough surfaces.

The stiffer suspension means a firm ride, which can be on the harsh side when the car is negotiating uneven roads at low speed But the bumps are heard more than felt and overall this is a comfortable vehicle in the typically "hard" German style. Since my test period coincided with a back strain. I was grateful for the firm seats and their good support.

To justify a price of £12.950—more than the most expensive Rover with its 3.5-liter V8—Audi leans heavily on standard equip-ment. Apart from the automatic bax and power steering, the list includes electric windows and sunroof, central locking, cruise control, headtral locking, cruise countor, near-lamp wash and—much appreciated on a cold morning—a heater for the front seats. Of the also stan-dard radio and tope player I cannot speak, since it was ripped from the car by person, or persons, un-

On the debit side. I have two entries. For a long car, with from wheel drive, there is not enough rear headroom, or, with the from sear pushed back, legroom either. And, efficiently though the heating and ventilation system operates, if cannot produce that ideal combination of warm air to the feet and cool air to the face.

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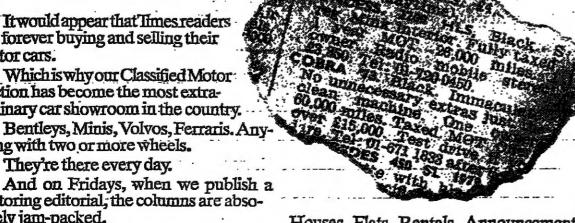
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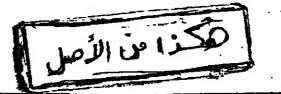
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Man Radio highlights of the day: A second hearing of the Crash Rolls-Royce. Norman Inness's report on the events that led the bankruptcy drama 10 years ago (Radio 4, 11.05 am); the rd programme in the Poetry Up to Now series (Radio 4, 4.15) ich teday deals with the work of Ted Hughes, Sylvia Plath i Peter Redgrove; and the Berlin Philharmonic, under hm, playing Bruckner's magnificent seventh symphony adio 3. 7.00).

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3.20 Crossi'r Flin (Crossing Borders), For Weish newers,
3.55 Play School: Jill Murphy's
story Peace at Last, with her own
illustrations, Also to be seen on
BBC 2 at 11.00, 4.20 Laurel and
Bazig: Cartoon, Shipper Slip Up,
Stanley and Oliver, in non-cartoon
form, can be seen to herter effect
on BBC 2 at 5.40 in Dirty Work,
4.25 Jackanory: Pipps Guard with
her final reading from Nina,
Warner Hooke's A Donkey Called
Paloma, 4.40 Think Again: Johnny
Ball talks about communications—

11.00 am Play School: Same as BBC 1, 3.55. Closedown at 11.25. 5.40 pm Laurel and Hardy: Dirty Work* (1933) The two comedians play chimney sweeps at work in the laboratory of a crizy scientist who claims to have invented an elistical works.

6.00 Monkey: Fantastic tales of old China, re-told by modern Japanese television. Monkey is sent to try and find a cure for the plague.

the plague.
6.45 Speak for Yourself: The best way to go about applying for a refund on faulty gonds.
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9.30 am For Schools : Botanic

Man (with David Bellamy); 9.58

Young people's lives in Birming-ham; 10.15 French: bric-à-brac;

10.38 Fossils, for A-level students;

11.02 Language development: 11.14 Reading with Lenny the

Lion; 11.26 Maths for the very

young; 11.43 For the deaf and

12,00 The Magic Ball : Sam goes to China, Eric Thomson tells the

story. 12.10 pm Once Upon a

Time: Mark Wynter and the tale

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1.30 Together: Serial about life

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For Schools, Colleges: Maths compete for the Ferguson Trophy-angles: 12.05 Sixteen Up.: They are: Bob Wilson. Peter by Richard Fleischer, Ends at 12-year-old boy. With Dean stockwell and Bradford Dillman as the students, and Orson Welles as Jonathan Wilk, their brilliant attorney. Directed with great skill by Richard Fleischer, Ends at 125 am.

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10.15 Peter Skellern: The musical bingraphy of the singer-composer. Touight, he enters the Guildhall School of Music and Drama (r).

10.50 Royal Heritage: Charles I.

tion. With Mavis Nicholson, and

the psychotherapist Glyn Seaborn

Television movie about a

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catastrophe that threatens the Louisiana coastline. With Larry Hagman (JR in Dallas), Martin Milner, Barry Sullivan:
4.15 Watch It! Another story about the inventor Dr Snuggies.
4.20 The Adventures of Black Beauty: Ned Lewis and the white circus pony. 4.45 Animals in Action: Wildlife artist Keith Shackleton among the creatures of the seashore. 5.15 Clapperboard: Chris Kelly presents a programme about the new film The Jazz Singer. He talks to the director, Richard Fleischer.

7.00 pm Flim : The Biggest Bank Robbery (1980) Brand-new British-

s. 2.45 Film : Hurricane (1974)

of the leadership became such a vital one. There are interviews with, inter alia, Roy Hartersley, Eric Heffer, Clive Jenkins and Sidacy Weigheli. 720 The Oxford Road Show:
Magazine in which people take a
look at topical subjects.
Presented, in front of a studio
audience, by Rob Robrer, Martin
Bergman and "friends". From
the BBC's Manchester studios.

Slotey Weighell,
8.00 Playhouse: The Kindness of
Mrs Radcliffe. Stanley Price's
dramagiation of the Noel Coward
story has Elizabeth Spriggs as the
woman whose impact on others is
not a happy one. Also starring
Leon Sinden as her husband. 7.55 In the Country: Angela Rippon and Bernard Price visit the Cotswold village of Blockley to find an answer to the question: How can a village stay alive when, all around it, life styles are changing? (See Personal Choice). 9.50 Juan Carlos—King of Spain: Full-length portrait of the monarch, skilfully drawn by Jack Pizzey (see Personal Choice). 8.25 Whose Labour Party? On the eve of the special Labour Party conference at Wembley, the News-week team find our wby the issue 10.45 Newsnight: All the day's news, with the most important stories given detailed treatment.

> gang leader), Oliver Gloria Grahame and Johnston. Director: 9.00-Second Chance: Epispde one

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9.00 Second Chance: Episode one of a six-part drama series about a couple (Susannah York, Ralph Bates) who decide to end their marriage after 18 years.

10.00 News from FIN. 10.30 Benson: American comedy series about a black butler (Robert Guillaume). The temporary secretary who might be planning a take-over bid.

11.00 The London Programme: The Wisley Affair. Conservative MP Keich Wickendon has smted publicly that he thinks some shady dealing has gone or over a plan to open a disused dirfield in Surrey as an airport catering for executive jets. He is interviewed during the proprogramme.

11.35 Mannix: A college professor is murdered and three suspects have alibis. The private derective (Mike Conners) tries to break those alibis.

12.30 am Close: Christine Smith, a victim of muscular dystrophy, talks about the things that make her feel happy.

6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today.

6.30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.30, 8.30 Headlines. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00 News. 9.05 Desert Island Discs.† 9.45 Feedback.

10.00 News.
10.02 International Assignment.
10.30 Daily Service.
10.45 Story: In Old Bandit
Country, by David E, Wallace.

Radio 4

11.05 The Crash of Rolls-Royce. 11.50 Natural Selection. 12.00 News. 12.02 pm You and Yours. 12.27 My Music.

1.00 The World at One. 1.40 The Archers. 2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour. 3.00 News. 3.62 Play: Double Doors, by A. S. Robertson. 4-05 Weigh-In (3).

4.45 Poetry Up To Now. 4.45 No Fond Return of Love (5). 5.00 PM. 5.55 Weather. 7.05 The Archers.

7.10 Pick of the Week.†
8.10 Profile.
8.30 Any Questions?
9.15 Letter from America.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 11.45 BBC Sound Archives. 12.00 News. 12.15 am-12.23 Shipping forecast.

am Schools : Contact : Music

Interlude; Country Dancing
Stage II; Notice Board (2); Music
Workshop (1).
10.30-10.45 Listen With Mother. 11.08-12.00 Schools: Exploring Society; Listening and Writing (1); Prospect. 2.00 pm-3.00 Schools: Let's Join In; Religious Education; Music

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Interfude. 11.00-12.00 Study on 4: Kontakte (13); Allez France! (12). Radio 3

6.55 am Weather.
7.00 News.
7.05 Records: Sibelius, Sveudsen,
Rachmaninov (Sym Dances).†
8.05 Records: Wolf-Ferrari,
Haydn, Berwald, Debussy.† 9.00 News. 9.05 Week's Composer: Dowland.†

9.40 Quartet (Orford), pt 1; Mozart (K458), M. Schafer.; 10.20 Interval reading. 10.30 Quartet, pt 2; Beethoven (op 131).; 11.15 Songs (Manning/McCabe); Haydn, Casken, Debussy.†
12.20 pm BBC Northern SO.E. Schmid, pt: Roussel, Vieus-temps.†
1.00 News.
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(Sym).† 1.45 What the Critics Said (3). 2.35 De Volharding : Dubois, Schuyt, Andriessen, M. Mengel-Berg + 3.25 Salzburg Mozarteum, etc/ Hager : Mozart (incl K44/—

3.55 Violin, plano: Thorpe Davie. † Webbe, Mctarren, Hanon, Schubert.† 5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
6.55 Play it Again: preview.†
7.00 Berlin PO/Böhm: Bruckner

(Sym 7).†
8.10 One Pair of Ears; review.
8.25 Talk: Hildegard of Bingen.†
9.00 Music in Our Time: Winkler,
Lason, Kessler, Eröd.†
10.00 Interpretations on Record; Debussy.† 11.00 News, 11.05-11.15 Record : Susato.†

VHF
11.15 pm-12.15 am Open University: The Pre-School Child-Naughty Things; Consumer Decisions—Consumer Advice; Health Choices—Blue Skies.

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Much More Music, † 5.03 John
Dunn, † 8.02 Radio 2 Ballroom, †
8.45 Friday Night is Music Night, †
10.02 Listen to Les, 10.50 Tha,
Organist Entertains, 11.02 Brien
Matthew, 2.02 am-5.00 You and
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McFarlando.—On January 20th stepher) and Alan. a daughter.

Paterson.—On January 21st, at Radnesskee Hospital. to Sarah Sharp) and Alam as daughter. At Basingstoke Hospital, to Sarah (nee Peel Yates) and Ish —a son invelope no David Rose; a brother for Ismes and Annabel.

Ankin.—On Isla Ismary at St. Thomas Hospital, to Pendope and Christopher—a daughter USSELL—On January 22nd, 1981 in Leanlagton Soe, to Shells ince Runald; and Anthony. Son intendty Hospital and Anthony. Son intendty Hospital David Pendope and Christopher and Anthony. On January 19th to Jane.
Philip-1 daughter, Heather and Philip—a daughter, resulter MATNEY.—On 22nd January at St. Luke's Hospital, Gukeford, to Angela (nee Partridge, and Adrian see Sea John Christopher William), a brother for Rato. Search and Victoria Commany 21st. 1931. at the Camesta Hospital. Hongkong, to Rosemary ince Woods) and Tom—a son i Patrick William), a brother for Ursula and a hall-brother, for Elies. David and Lacy. BADDELEY.—On 21st January, 1981, Charles Ronald Baddeley, eged 97 years, at his home in Croydon, Cromation private. No Istlers or Dowers. Please, but donations in his memory to the Masonic Foundation. Programmer of the Masonic Foundation. Programmer of the Masonic Foundation. W.C.2.

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12 Rousing singers (4, 6).

14 Gooseberry-bush? (10). 12 Jade, ardent to embrace 16 Before once being engaged in duty get the spirits ont (8).

13 She was a child when 1 18 Not all the local birds—a rare one (8). 15 He led, we arranged to 19 Bad cess about "beat" artitudes (7).

23 Cause of need (8).

17 After a spell led retreat to Sussex town (7).

22 Wretched sun. even, is invisible (6). 20 Scrap, after trial of a bad-tempered fellow (5-5). 24 Cooled down and declared, one up (4). 21 Go round for outy period (4). 23 Cause of need (8).

25 Shed toars about a girl.

Must be cracked? (8).

25 Awful nurse, hugging one like a bear (6).

27 Perhaps spending is just dishing out (10).

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